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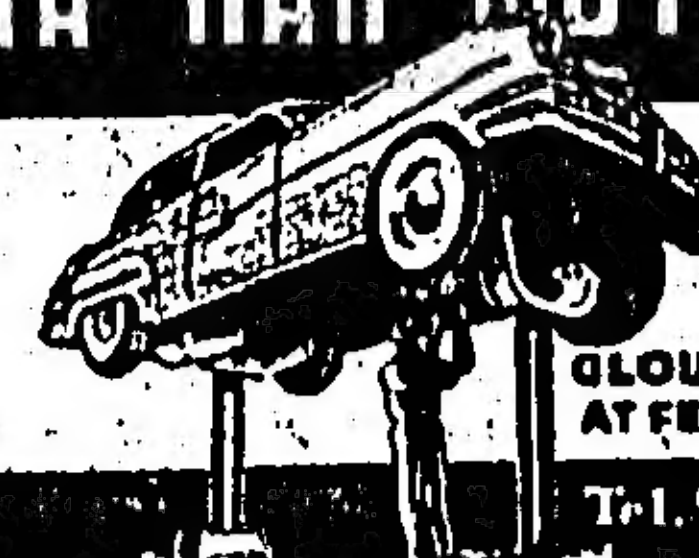
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PURGE OF MODERATE PEKING ELEMENTS?

KMT officials say Reds to end coalition INDO-CHINA ALLEGATION

Taipei, February 11.

Top Nationalist officials here predicted an early purge by the Communists of so-called Democratic elements in Peking.

The prediction was made on the basis of Nationalist intelligence reports from the Communist capital. These said the Reds had decided to abandon all pretence that the Peking regime was a coalition government.

End seen of Moscow stay

Moscow, February 11. The Soviet President Niko- lai Shvernik yesterday re- ceived Chou En-lai, Foreign Minister of the Chinese Peo- ple's Republic, at the Krem- lin. Chou was accompanied by the Chinese Ambassador, Wang Chia-hsiang, The Sec- retary of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, A. F. Gorkin, was present. The Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and Chou were given a big Krem- lin reception on Thursday night that may mean the end of their long Moscow visit is near. At the reception was the Deputy Premier, V. M. Molotov, other Soviet Ministers and trade officials of Russia and other satellite states. Stalin was not announced on the guest list.—Associated Press.

Twenty die in French rail crash

Paris, February 11.—Twenty persons were killed and 38 seriously injured today when two Diesel trains crashed in Southern France, the French National Railroads announced.

The two trains collided head on at 5.55 a.m. at Lestelle-sur-Tarn, a small village about 30 miles North East of Toulouse. The two trains were jammed with workers.

One was bound from Toulouse to Capdenne and the other from Carmaux to Toulouse. They should have passed in the station of Gaillac but failed to do so because of the lateness of one of the trains.

Reports reaching Paris said one of the trains passed through a "stop" signal in Lestelle-sur-Tarn station just before the crash. Rescue crews were rushed from Toulouse and local farmhouses were turned into emergency first aid posts.—United Press.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) an intensifying depression centred over Okla- wa is moving NE, and from it a trough of low pressure extends SW across France and thence to a second depression over N. China. Pressure is relatively high over N. China and the sea of Japan. Today's Forecast—Moderate S. wind gradually veering SW, clearing, with rain patches in the afternoon. Tomorrow's Weather—Maximum: 78.5 deg. Fahr. Minimum: 72.5 deg. Fahr. Humidity: 84 per cent. Rainfall: 0.4 mm. (0.01 in.) Total since Jan. 1—28.5 mm. (1.12 in.) No. of rain days: 10. No. of days with rain: 10. No. of days with snow: 0. No. of days with fog: 0. No. of days with hail: 0. No. of days with sleet: 0. No. of days with drizzle: 0. No. of days with showers: 0. No. of days with squalls: 0. No. of days with storms: 0. No. of days with hurricanes: 0. No. of days with typhoons: 0. No. of days with cyclones: 0. No. of days with tornadoes: 0. No. of days with ice storms: 0. No. of days with blizzards: 0. No. of days with dust storms: 0. No. of days with sand storms: 0. No. of days with mud storms: 0. No. of days with volcanic ash: 0. No. of days with nuclear fallout: 0. No. of days with chemical fallout: 0. No. of days with biological fallout: 0. No. of days with radioactive fallout: 0. No. of days with space debris: 0. No. of days with meteor showers: 0. No. of days with comets: 0. No. of days with asteroids: 0. No. of days with planets: 0. No. of days with stars: 0. No. of days with galaxies: 0. No. of days with the universe: 0.

The reports—which might or might not be found on fact—alleged the so-called Democratic personages who went to Peking to support the Reds had no freedom of movement.

They declared that some wanted to return to Hong Kong but could not get the necessary permits.

A few others, however, were allowed to go to Hankow in Central China.

The reports further alleged that General Tai T'ing-kai recently appealed to relatives in Hong Kong to send him money as he could not make ends meet. Tai is famed as the commander of the 13th Route Army which fought the Japanese in Shanghai in 1932. Later he led a fruitless rebellion at Fochow.

Escape through HK

The Education Minister, Han Lih-wu, told the Associated Press that teachers and students from Red China continued to escape to Nationalist territory through Hong Kong.

He said a widespread sense of fear and uncertainty prevailed among scholars in Red China. "Teachers and students," he went on, "have to say what they are told to say, to sign papers against their volition and to attend as dummies meetings and parades which they loathe."

"Idolatry of the Russians as friends and saviours has been overdone and the widespread unpopularity of Stalin's birthday with the Communist regime—giving each student a bowl of noodles exalts—rediculous and hated."

"This sort of thing is against the Chinese temperament. The people in Red China wonder how long they have to suffer all this."

Every day brings fresh speculation in Taipei on reasons for the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung's long stay in Moscow.

A survey in high quarters shows these conclusions: 1—Mao has been there so long, not so much because of difficulties in the negotiations, but because of the comprehensive, all-embracing nature of the agreements being worked on.

2—The only agreement likely to be announced will be one of a general nature, a treaty of friendship and alliance, in which an effort will be made to show that Red China has acted as a sovereign state.

3—There is a general conviction here that the Chinese Reds are selling out their country in a big way.

Guesswork

And in the meantime, various reports going into detail appear to be sheer guesswork. For example, an intelligence report says:

1—China is to supply Russia with 5,000,000 able-bodied men and 10,000,000 tons of food.

2—Free Soviet immigration into Manchuria will be allowed, with Russian settlers enjoying extra-territorial rights.

3—The Soviet is granted the right to station troops in Chinese ports.

4—Soviet officers are to command Chinese armies.

5—All communications in China are to be administered by Rus-

6—All China's resources are to be jointly explored by the Russians and Chinese.

7—Soviet advisers are to be attached to all branches of the Chinese government.

The Nationalists, meanwhile, charged the Chinese Communists have agreed to send heavy troops support to Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh's rebels in Indo-China.

The Nationalist Defence Ministry said the Chinese Red decision to give full support to Ho was made at a secret conference at Canton. Date of the alleged meeting was not mentioned.

The Ministry said that Liu Shao-chi, acting Chinese Red leader while Mao Tse-tung is in Moscow negotiating a treaty with Russia, presided at the Canton meeting. Liu is considered one of the most pro-Russian Chinese Communists.

There is no way to tell whether the Ministry's charges are based on fact or are being circulated for propaganda purposes. The Ministry said, however, its information came from trustworthy intelligence sources. The Ministry also stated:

Red Chinese troops are already fighting in Indo-China with Ho's forces against the French and troops of French-supported Bao Dai's Vietnam state. Chinese Red troops are participating in a current Ho assault on Langson, about 10 miles from the Chinese frontier. Part of the Red 44th Army is moving toward the Indo-China border from the Peking area of South West China.—Associated Press.

"Invitation" to Yuan members in Colony

The Kuomintang's "invitation" to the more than 100 members of the Legislative and Control Yuans (at present resident here) to go to Taipei is believed to be connected with the prolonged stay in the United States of the Acting President, General Li Tsung-jen.

Chinese political observers here said yesterday that the number of Legislative Yuan members at Taipei is insufficient to compose the quorum needed to pass resolutions.

Presence of more Legislative Yuan members for a meeting in Taipei is wanted to approve a resolution to divest General Li Tsung-jen of the Acting Presidency and to put Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek back in power, (technically, said the observers.)

They added that this appears to be the sole reason for summoning Legislative Yuan members to Taipei.

The Legislative Yuan, according to the Nationalist Constitution, has up to the end of May to convene its next general meeting.

Representatives from Taipei who were sent here to verbally request the Legislative Yuan members to go to Taipei also implied that should the members ignore the invitation they would be summarily dismissed from their posts.

One Legislative Yuan member told the "Sunday Herald" last night that none of the members can be summarily

Shy cover girl



The Siamese film actress and cover girl Booseratant (it means "Crystal Lotus") is a shy youngster who rarely does anything more publicity-conscious than visit the cinema. In Bangkok the cinema audience is more interested in the action than in the appearance of the actors and actresses. The producer's worry is that Boo's favourite hobby—singing—will push her out of her clothes and out of his films.—AP Photo.

Shipbuilding boom expected this year

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Hong Kong shipbuilders expect a boom in local ship repair business in 1950.

Authoritative sources revealed yesterday that since British recognition of the Communist regime the Colony's shipyards have been deluged with enquiries for repairs and overhauling from both Chinese and foreign firms.

Consensus among shipping circles is that this is the prelude to large-scale resumption of the China Coast trade—"the lull before the storm," to quote a senior official of one of Hong Kong's largest shipbuilding organisations.

"The signs of the times today are obvious. They indicate a boom in ship repair business in the immediate future," declared a yard manager. "In fact, numerous 'feelers' for the possibilities of putting laid-up ships, now in Victoria Harbour, into dock pre-

Yards ready

Hong Kong is prepared for the expected influx of laid-up ships into the shipyards, the authorities stated.

"We have all facilities for this type of work and can cope with the demand without any difficulty," they asserted.

It was explained that the position of Hong Kong's shipyards today is not like it was immediately after the Liberation. "When we resumed operation it was just like starting from scratch—loss of properties, lack of facilities and material damage. We have not yet really completed rehabilitation in its strictest sense. But where repair facilities are concerned we have done more than required," an executive declared.

Hong Kong shipyards generally have installed up-to-date machinery to carry on business in repairs and maintenance. This has been the main source of income to many local shipyards.

Ship repair work in the Colony regained its pre-war capacity early last year and local dockyards have been handling as much repair work as at the peak of pre-war days. Practically all available shipyards have been busy rehabilitating vessels of all types since the Liberation.

The demand has been so great at times that many ships had to "root" in the harbour to await a berth in the dock.

Skilled labour

The employment problem, which at one time during the early days reached a critical phase—lack of skilled labour—has now been solved.

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EIGHT KMT SHIPS IN JAPAN PORTS SEIZED

Tokyo, February 11.

Eight Chinese Nationalist Liberty ships and one Victory ship have been seized in Japanese ports on orders of the United States occupation's new Admiralty Court, General MacArthur announced today.

The announcement notified all claimants to be prepared to file claims against the ships at the court's initial hearing on February 27.

The ships were seized at seven different harbours following suits for default of payment of mortgages totalling U.S.\$3,500,000 filed in Washington against the owners, the Chinese Nationalist government, by mortgage holders—the United States Maritime Commission and the Export Import Bank.

The civil court was established on February 2 with jurisdiction over maritime and admiralty laws involving members of the United Nations and their nationals attached to Allied forces.

The announcement said the action was taken because Japanese courts do not have the authority to judge such cases involving United Nations nationals.—United Press.

Recognition can wait, Canada says

Ottawa, February 11.

Canadian recognition of the Chinese Communist regime depends on the type of government the Chinese Reds operate, a high foreign policy spokesman said today.

The official said Canada was in no hurry to make a decision. He said it was decided to bide time before committing the country to follow or reject Britain's lead in accepting the Communists as China's true rulers.

"As we see it there are two types, as exemplified in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. Czechoslovakia is best described as being completely subservient to the Kremlin. However, Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito is holding himself aloof from Moscow. He might be described as a Nationalist Communist if there is such a thing."

Because of this line of thinking shared by the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, following his return from a fact-finding tour through Asia, Canada will maintain a wait and see attitude toward China at least for the present, this source said.

No urgency

Foreign Policy experts said there was no immediate urgency in Canada's recognition of the Chinese Communists in any event. They said Canada lacks the sort of stakes in China that Britain has and which has already announced its preparedness to send diplomatic representatives to the Chinese.

Mr. Pearson, meanwhile prepared to go before the Cabinet early next week to report on his 35-day tour of Asia and the Ceylon Commonwealth Foreign Ministers conference which prompted it. He said he had made up his mind on the recognition question, but refused to say what he thought—until he had talked it over with his Cabinet colleagues.

All indications pointed to his recommendation that Canada sit tight until a clearer picture is obtained of the government the Communists build up.—United Press.

How much did you pay for fish yesterday?

Check the daily average wholesale prices and see the vast difference, between the wholesale and retail prices. The price you are paying for fish is higher than the price for chicken or pork. It is cheaper to buy a frozen sole coming all the way from the North of England than to buy a sole in the local market. WHY? You are being victimised by a group of unscrupulous fish merchants who operate behind the mechanism of Governmental measures in wholesale fish distribution. They dictate the price of fish.

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Loyalty check started in Britain

London, February 11.

Britain began a searching loyalty check of everyone connected with the atomic programme today after Dr. Klaus Fuchs, Britain's third ranking atomic scientist, had confessed that he betrayed A-bomb—and possibly H-bomb—secrets to Russia.

Dr. Fuchs was ordered to be held for trial on his own confession that he passed information to Russian spies over a period of nearly seven years—from the early stages of atom splitting to the first stages of the hydrogen bomb.

Britain immediately began a security check of atom workers ranging from other great scientists to the lowest paid cleaning man and it was understood the results would be turned over to the American FBI for cross-checking.

Other sources said the security check would be intensified for all workers engaged in every phase of British defence, including radar and rocket research following Dr. Fuchs' astounding revelations.—United Press.

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SUCKED OUT OF PLANE

New York, February 10. A gust of wind plucked a member of the crew out of the open door of an American Airways trans-Atlantic Stratocruiser today, hurtling him 10,000 feet to certain death.


John Harris, aged 28, was sucked out of the cabin door of the four-engine Clipper "Mayflower" while 22 passengers and 10 other members of the crew gaped in horror. The plane was 30 miles from Idlewild airport and approaching for a landing.—United Press.

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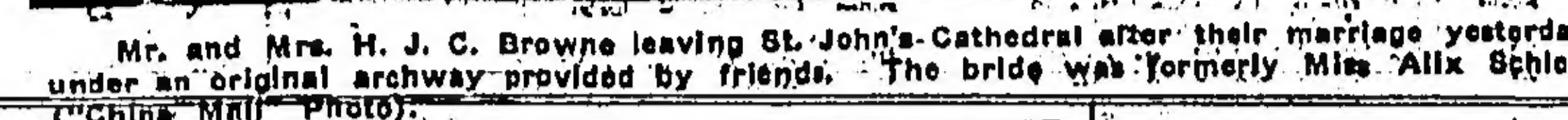
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Mr. and Mrs. R. G. T. Davis, who were married at the Registrar's office in the Supreme Court on Friday. The bride was formerly Miss Sylvia Attwood. ("China Mail" Photo).

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Daniel McDane, aged 22, Private in the Argyle, a Southerland Highlander, was charged before Mr. R. H. Ashing at Central yesterday with obtaining credit by false pretences from the Sailors and Soldiers' Home. McDane pleaded not guilty and was committed three days to the military custody.

James Lee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home said that McDane and two others had taken the money and goods of the Sailors and Soldiers' Home and fled to Vancouver and were charged.

After some time, defendant was asked by the master about the collection and replied that the customers could not meet the bills.

The master was rather suspicious and went to different shops to make enquiries. It was found that the money had been paid to defendant.

A concert of recorded classical music be presented at Talbot House (Tee H), 50, Macdonnell Road at 8.30 p.m. today.

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Robert James Russell, aged 21, of the 27th Company B.M.A., was remanded three days by Magistrate John L. O'Connell, Jr., yesterday. He pleaded guilty to charges of driving a 1934 Buick sedan, No. 8846, without lawful authority.

As the Police may prefer to prosecute charges against him, he was remanded in Ballinacorney House, Dublin, in custody.

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ing to be held on Saturday,
25th February, 1950, (weather
permitting) may be obtained
at the Secretary's Office, Tele-
phone House; the Club House,
Happy Valley; and the Stables,
Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
NOON on WEDNESDAY, 15th
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S. A. SLEAP,
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nounce that the Anti Aircraft
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site will be firing on Tues-
day 14th February 1950 be-
tween 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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and will fall without exploding
into the sea South West of
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mittee entertained some 50
Royal Navy boys.

It was an all-day party start-
ing at 2 p.m. when the boys
gathered at the Club, embarked
in two large buses, and were
taken for a tour around the
island.

At 3.30 p.m. a number of
women from the Cheero Club
met the boys at the Royal Hong
Kong Golf Club at Deep Water
Bay. There they were guests of
the Golf Club for tea.

After tea they continued their
ride around the island and re-
turned to the Cheero Club shortly
after 5 p.m.

At 6.30 p.m. a special dinner
was served and at 8 p.m. the
weekly Amateur Night Concert
was held on the Stage with
several of the Royal Navy boys
taking part.

This Amateur Night Concert
is a weekly feature at the Cheero
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The Concert is followed at 9.30
p.m. each week by a Rediffusion
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winning talent.

Review of summonses

Mr. P. J. Griffiths, represent-
ed Albert G. Hopkins, master of
the ss. Flying Independent,
successfully applied for a re-
view of the summonses
against his client before Mr.
Thomas Tam at Central yester-
day.

Hopkins was summoned before
Mr. Tam at Central on Thursday
with failing to proceed to and
anchor at the Dangerous Goods
Anchorage on arrival in the har-
bour at 7 p.m. on February 1
when his vessel carried dangerous
goods and also for unlawfully car-
rying 110 tons of benzene and fail-
ing to furnish the Director of
Marine with a true copy of the
manifest of the dangerous goods
carried.

Defendant was fined \$1,000 on
the first charge and cautioned on
the second.

Mr. Griffiths said that he was
applying for a review of the case
on the grounds that certain
evidence by the surveyors was not
available when the case was
heard.

The review of the case will be
heard by a magistrate in Kow-
loon.

Maryknoll anniversary

The Maryknoll Sisters in
Hong Kong observed the 25th
(Silver Jubilee) Anniversary
of the arrival of their order
in the Colony yesterday at the
Maryknoll Convent School,
Kowloon Tong.

Speeches were made by the
Reverend Father A. Granoll and
Reverend Father Joy, S.J. Tea
and refreshments were served to
the many guests present.

The Maryknoll Sisters, who
came here in 1925, are also
known as the Third Order of
Saint Dominic Incorporated, and
are a religious congregation
specialising in teaching.

Appointment for oil executive

Mr. F. A. C. Guepin, who
began his oil career in
Rumania, has been appointed a
Director and Managing
Director of the Anglo-Saxon
Petroleum Company, Limited
and the Shell Petroleum
Company, Limited, of London.

This was learned yesterday
from the local offices of the Shell
organisation. Mr. Guepin has also
been appointed a Member and a
Deputy Member of the Board of
the Balatfische Petroleum Maats-
chappij, The Hague.

Mr. Felix Alouis Caspar Gue-
pin, 50 years of age, was born in
Helder, Holland. He was educated
at Haarlem in Holland, and joined
the Royal Dutch-Shell Group of
oil companies in London in
March 1929.

He began his oil career with
Shell's operating company in
Rumania. When he returned to
London in the spring of 1930, he
was assigned to Trade Relations
and the supervision of Scandina-
vian marketing companies.

In 1936, he was made respon-
sible for marketing and refining
operations in Germany and for
marketing in Holland.

In 1937, Mr. Guepin went to the
United States as Executive Vice-
President of Shell Oil Company,
on the West coast. On the morn-
ing, in 1939, of Shell West Coast
and Mid-Continent interests, he
was transferred to St. Louis as
Senior Vice-President of the Shell
Petroleum Corporation.

In 1940, when Shell's oil opera-
tions in America were vested in a
single company, he went to the
head office in New York, as Senior
Vice-President.

During his time in the United
States he travelled widely and
visited every State in connection
with the Company's production,
refining and marketing operations.

He returned to London in the
autumn of 1944 to take charge of
the Group's North European in-
terests in refining and marketing,
and, in 1949, extended his super-
vision to the whole of Europe and
North Africa.

During the war years, Mr. Gue-
pin travelled extensively on of-
ficial business, and for his service
to the Allied cause he was co-
rated in 1947 by Queen Wilhel-
mina with the rank of Officer in
the Order of Orange Nassau.

Mr. Guepin lives at Stanmore,
Middlesex. He is married and has
two daughters, aged 13 and 11
years. His hobbies include riding,
gardening, lawn tennis and fish-
ing.

Shipbuilding boom expected this year

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Training schemes were laun-
ched by local shipbuilders indi-
vidually. To overcome the
shortage of skilled labour, appren-
tices are being given intensive
courses in various fields in the
industry.

An example of how a local
dockyard operates to serve on
full time is the bee-hive activity
in the Hong Kong and Whampoa
Dock Company Limited, which
has four spacious dry docks and
other smaller yards. The aver-
age number of workers of all
categories is about 5,000. This
figure is gradually increasing
with the volume of business.

To get the job done and sent
out ships without any loss of
time, work carries on till late at
night.

Normally ships berth along-
side the Kowloon Docks for
general overhauling and repairs.
In Victoria Harbour today,
there are some 100 "laid-up"
ships, mostly of Chinese and
Panamanian registries. It was
learned that a number of
owners have already approved
Hong Kong shipbuilders for pos-
sibilities of overhauling and re-
pairs in the immediate future.

An authoritative source
stated that some laid-up ves-
sels, flying the Chinese flag
(Kuomintang) have been re-
marked for repairs. These
ships were formerly plying the
on the coastal trade.

Shipbuilding

A great number of these Chi-
nese coasters blocked into local
waters in mid-January as a re-
sult of the civil war in China.

Since then they have been
"roosting" in Lanchow Bay and
Yau-mat Bay—favourite haunts
of laid-up ships in port. This
situation, shipbuilders are
still uncertain about future pros-
pects of the shipbuilders' indus-
try with the prevailing detri-
mental factors in cost, availabil-
ity of materials and labour.

Since the Liberation, only one
river vessel—the 215,000-ton
triple-screw steel river motor-
ship Tai Loy—has been launched
in the Colony. Another ship is
at present undergoing construc-
tion in a local dockyard.

Kowloon Docks is building a
new vessel for the Hong Kong
and Yau-mat Ferry Company.
The keel was laid last
November last year. The com-
pany recently completed con-
struction of a waterboat.
Many shipyards are building
lighters and barges for the
Government.

Although enquiries have re-
vealed Hong Kong from abroad as
a shipbuilding centre, they are

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garding future building, it is un-
likely that local builders will
undertake more than one con-
tract each, a shipbuilder stated.

The cost of materials is still
three to four times higher than
pre-war level. The sources are
available—Borneo, Indo-China
and Burma have abundant tim-
ber for shipment. The trans-
portation problem has not yet
been solved and this has main-
tained the post-war price ceil-
ing. Godown storage of ma-
terials in Hong Kong is another
difficult factor in the rehabili-
tation of shipbuilding. The gen-
eral high cost of living has helped
to increase labour costs. More-
over, lack of skilled artisans has
made it difficult to obtain chea-
per labour.

Shipbuilding authorities do not
think it likely that Hong Kong
shipbuilding will see any marked
improvement this year. The
price of labour has not been re-
duced a downward trend gene-
rally, they stated.

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It will be your own fault if you do not end this week with money in hand. Circumstances in your favour in next few days. In spite of stormy atmosphere, business prospects become increasingly bright.

FEBRUARY

(January 20-February 18)
This week events will work out much as you would wish. What-ever controversy may develop you are likely to come out of it well. Don't neglect social opportunities; personality and charm count for a good deal last three days of week.

MARCH

(February 10-March 20)
Many schemes appear to be hatching but you may have to wait until next month to see them in action. Meanwhile, get essential details completed, and clear up tasks that have been hanging over from the New Year. Surprising and welcome news likely on Thursday.

APRIL

(March 20-April 20)
If you have influential and helpful friends, make the most of them this week. Some good fortune likely to materialize through such an associate on Thursday. Financially an interesting period; it should be possible to make fresh investments or to consolidate your position with relation to some new venture.

MAY

(April 21-May 20)
Beneficent stars in the mid-heaven should make this an easy period. Aim high particularly during the last three days of the week. You may be much more fortunate than you expect, particularly in social and official matters.

JUNE

(May 21-June 20)
A week of important correspondence and possibly of new contracts. Something fixed up on Thursday or Friday that will affect your movements for some time to come. Little use trying to revive old-time ties; but new link-ups prove worth while.

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

JULY

(June 21-July 20)
Family investments and family enterprise—important in this week. If married, then in-law may play a helpful part in what is going on. Better keep any arrangements made mid-week fluid; unwise to make hard and fast contracts or undertakings at the moment.

AUGUST

(July 21-August 21)
The person with whom you are most closely associated—probably marriage or business partner—is "in luck" this week. Hence probable celebrations and increased confidence. Good news of some overseas or of foreign business late in week.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22-September 22)
If you feel you are doing the right thing, go ahead. There is bound to be some opposition to your plans before next week-end. But the chances are that you are in the right and that profits will come in more quickly than you anticipate.

OCTOBER

(September 23-October 23)
A highly enjoyable week in spite of underlying anxiety about older people or health. Possibility of a windfall or speculation "luck" after Wednesday. Easy to make useful social link-ups. Plan holidays for later in the year.

NOVEMBER

(October 24-November 23)
You will have cause to rejoice over some domestic matter. Deal that affects house or land. If house-hunting, good news on Thursday. Alternatively, relatives prove generous and understanding.

DECEMBER

(November 23-December 23)
Fulfilment of great use to you this week whether good or ill. So go ahead with advertising schemes, make yourself known to probable associates, build up good-will. Business journeys may be necessary Thursday and Friday.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

FOR MOST OF US: Though circumstances tend to make you restless and ill at ease, today's influences are encouraging ones. Break away from your usual routine and, if possible, get out of doors. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: CREAM, 1, Crystal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: It is fortunate that you were born with the Sun in Aquarius and so adaptable by nature. For during 1950 circumstances will combine to take you out of your present groove and to make you reorganise your affairs generally.

Though you may want to stay where you are, it will be difficult to do so. Better make the best of the situation and plan changes right away. Before you are a year older you will probably have done a great deal to improve your social and business position and have settled down into a new way of life.

Financial worries will not be your main bugbear. Indeed, the main business change of the year should bring more money and greater comfort. But you may find that family expenses increase during the next few months and that conflict of some kind results about June or July.

Towards the end of the year it might be advantageous to buy a house or take a new lease. But for the first six months of the year avoid anything that ties you down. It will be difficult to see just what is going to happen until after August and September.

On the whole it will be an easier year for those already married than for people still unattached. Though your relatives may be disagreeable, your immediate family circle should be undisturbed. But if now fancy-free, beware romances that begin with intensity and end in disillusion. And take care of your health among brothers and sisters.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

FOR MOST OF US: A cautious policy pays throughout the day. If possible put off anything that matters until evening. Accident risk somewhat higher than usual this morning. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Navy Blue, 8, Dark Sapphire.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although this is not likely to be an easy year to live through, good sense and good feeling will see you safely through your troubles. Also, throughout the ups and downs of 1950, old friends and relatives will prove loyal and helpful.

It is important not to do anything in a hurry, especially during the next few months. Not until the end of the year are you likely to see just how your affairs are trending. It is not likely that you will make a good deal of money or feel secure until the last three months of 1950.

You will be sorely tempted to risk a good deal in speculation or to put money into schemes that promise to make a fortune for you quickly. But such ventures would end in disillusion. Better save your cash or alternatively put it into property or gilt edged securities.

In anything that concerns property you cannot go wrong. Assets of this kind will appreciate before the end of the year. Also, you may benefit through a legacy, in the shape of land or house some time between September and your next birthday.

If uncertain what to do, take the advice of the family and old friends. New acquaintances and particularly those of glamorous but unreliable type are likely to do you harm rather than good. If unmarried, an old sweetheart may turn up again at the end of the year.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14: FOR MOST OF US: Lively cheerful atmosphere prevails, particularly good for correspondence or travel. Remember your friends both old and new. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Cinnamon Brown, 5, Onyx.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although nothing spectacular is likely to occur this year, you will probably feel more alert and energetic than for some time past. You will have a number of useful inspirations, probably introduce desired changes into your way of living and into your job. But by the time you reach your next birthday you will find that the main pattern of life is unchanged.

It is a good year for travel but not for settlement abroad. Probably you will manage to fit in more holidays than usual or move about in connection with your

work. But a house move would not be advisable until just before your next birthday.

Documents seem to figure in your life a good deal this year. Hence the likelihood of an interesting contract either about June or about Christmas time. Something important is fixed up by letter early in the year.

If your work brings you into contact with children, or if you have youngsters in the family, this should be a happy period. One much younger relative does very well for himself or herself and brings you happiness in consequence. There may be a new arrival in the family towards the end of the year.

Your most important relationships will remain undisturbed this year, and it looks as though you would make many new friends. If you have any interest in clubs or societies, that interest will develop rapidly in 1950. You will probably find yourself taking a much more active part than formerly in the activities of your neighbourhood.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15: FOR MOST OF US: Though you may not feel in working mood, it should be possible to achieve a good deal this morning. Remember that goodwill and tact count for more than hard work. Later half of day propitious for sport and entertaining. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Rose Pink, 6, Light Sapphire.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Now begins what is likely to be the most brilliant year you have had for a long time. However disillusioned and pessimistic you may be at the moment, you will gain fresh confidence and become more cheerful as the months go by. For once "luck" is on your side.

Financially it should be a good year. The odd chance comes off again and again. Round about Christmas time is likely to be a particularly fortunate period when you should not only do well but be able to provide for the future.

It is not likely that old associations will benefit you much this year. There is little use clinging to a job you don't like or staying in an environment that is uncongenial. If you are anxious to change your job, try to do so about October or November.

For those with sporting interests it should be an outstanding year. But whether or not you are sports-minded, the open air

time of pleasant changes and romance.

A few windfalls should make the financial situation easier. Also, if you change your job within the next few months you will probably get more money than you are doing at present. An interesting offer should come your way any time between now and May.

Travel is likely and would probably take place round about July. Indeed, there is some chance that a fresh job would take you abroad at any rate for a time. You can hardly go wrong in any scheme that entails movement and contact with foreigners.

If you have a gift for writing or for any of the arts, it should be possible to make good use of it in 1950. Social life too will be very profitable and you may be called upon to take the lead in some local activities.

Happiness of an unusual kind will come into your life within the next few months—certainly before the end of August. If unmarried, you are sure of romance but the marriage ceremony may be delayed—inevitably. If already settled, don't try to oppose changes in the family circle; what appears to be a misfortune is likely to turn out a blessing before the end of the year.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16: FOR MOST OF US: Today's New Moon should inaugurate a more peaceful period. Worth while launching new schemes, spending money on business hospitality or goodwill. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Carmine Red, 9, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: If times have been bad of late, take heart. For you 1950 should prove a vintage year. However despondent you may have been of late, developments in the next few months will give you fresh courage and bring in more money than you could have expected.

Hence you should do well right through the period. If in business, turnover increases almost immediately; if in a profession, you can look for promotion between now and June. There is also a chance of "gambler's luck" about the same period.

A new phase of your life is about to begin. So better concentrate on new schemes rather than cling to old and partly outworn associations. It looks as though you would get a chance to join in some highly profitable scheme right away.

It will be worth while being "on your toes" socially. The friends you make this year should help you to live more comfortably and may indirectly be of use in your job. There is some likelihood of your going overseas, or, if you stay at home, of linking up with a friend from abroad.

If still single and thinking of marriage, this year should bring you all you could desire. Romance and prosperity are likely to come hand in hand. If already settled, you should find it possible to improve your house, live more luxuriously in 1950. An idealistic link-up of an unusual character will bring added interest and romance into your existence.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17: FOR MOST OF US: Day of surprises—most of them pleasant. Ideal for entertaining, travel, family and social life. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Blue, 6, Lapis Lazuli.

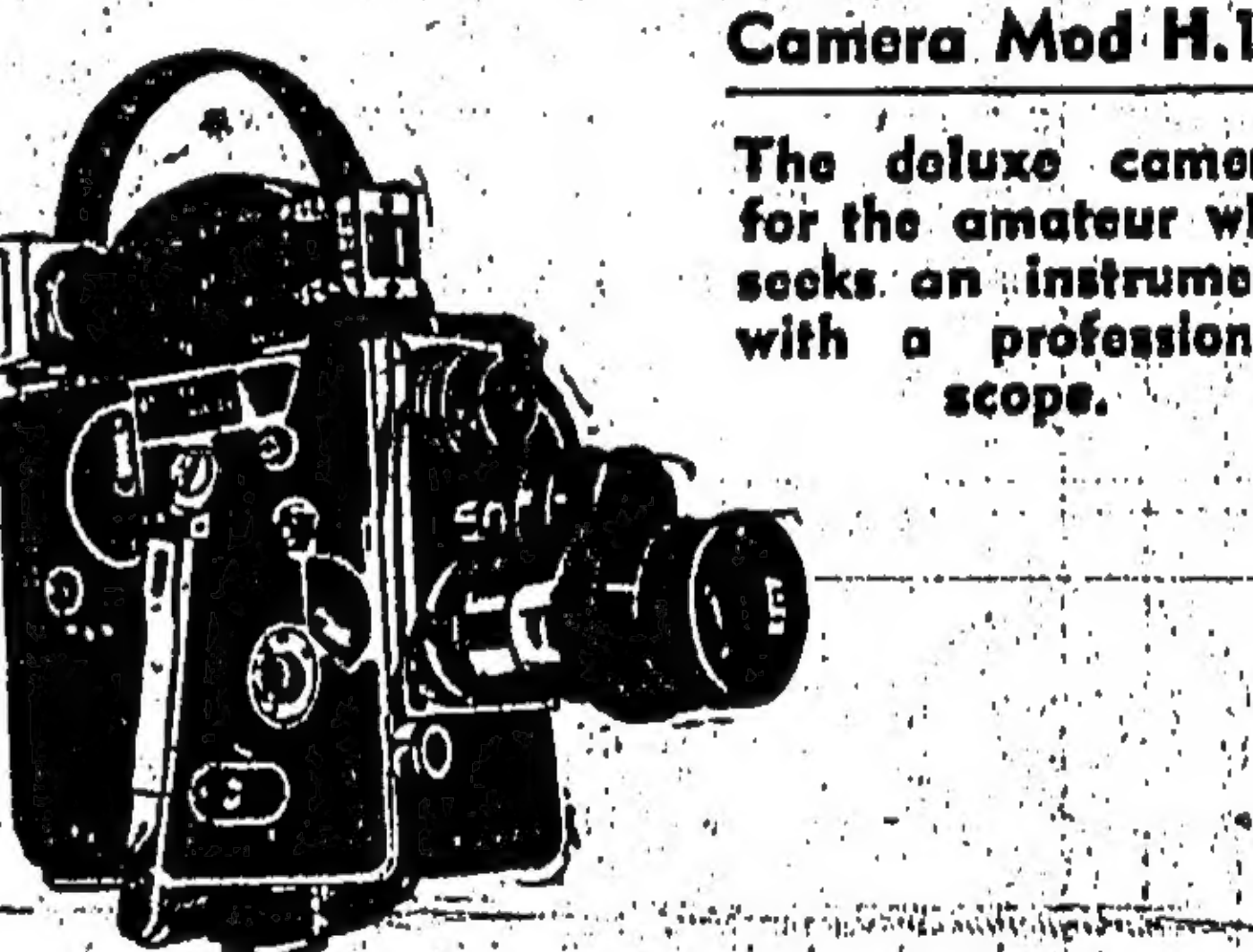
BIRTHDAY FORECAST: The more original you are by temperament and the more creative ability you possess, the greater your happiness this year. Inspiration will come easily and you should find self-expression possible as never before. Even for routine worker it will be a

So, you will be happy in your friends in 1950, but you will have many reasons for grumbling about your family. In one way and another relatives will take a great deal and are not likely to give much in return. If single and thinking of marriage, it may be necessary to keep the romance a secret or to postpone engagement plans until early 1951.



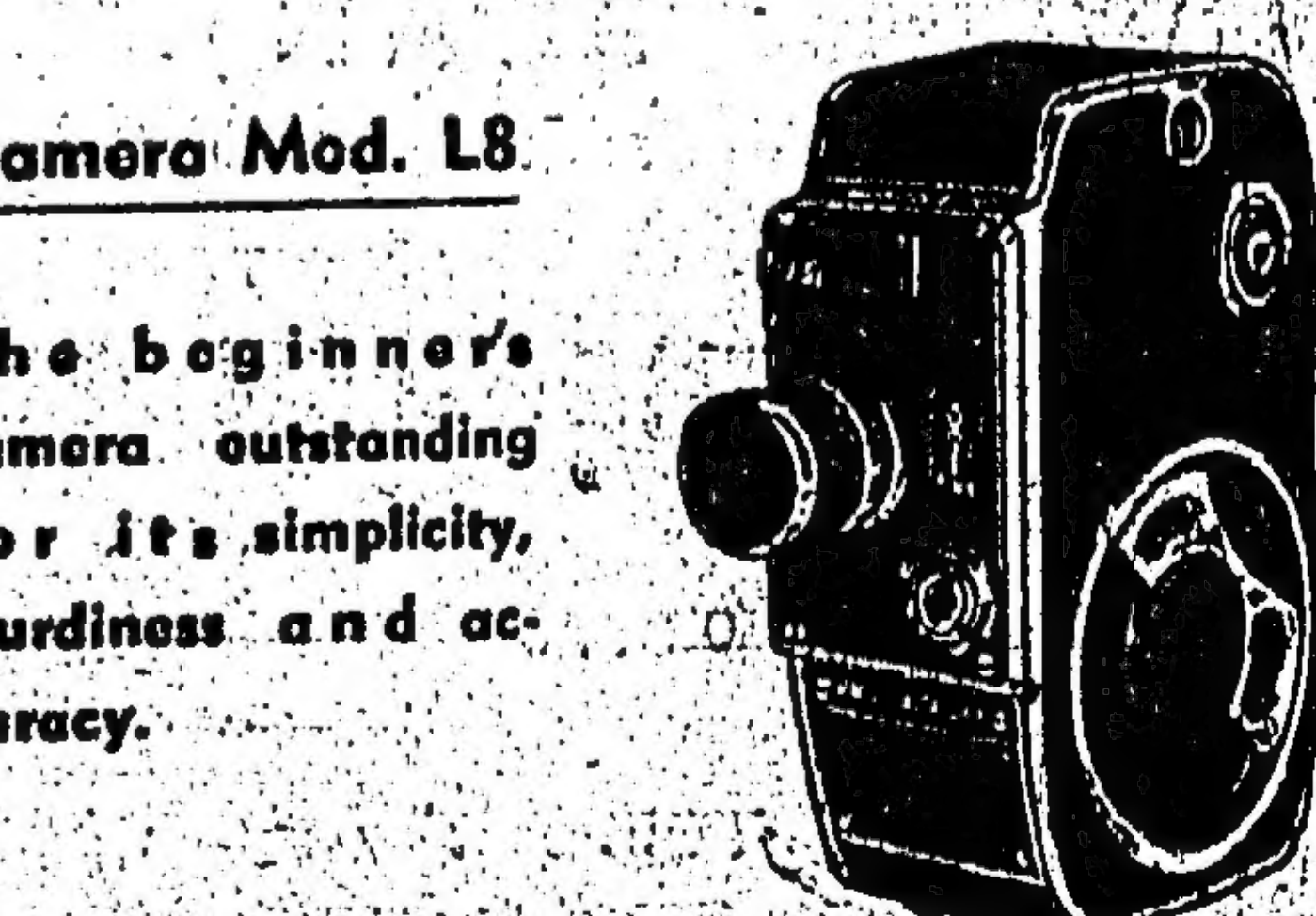
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10.10—"Time For Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra. (BBC).

11.00—Service from the Studio Conducted by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

11.45—"Music in Miniature"—(BBC).

P.M.

12.15—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

12.30—Hong Kong Calling—Programme Summary.

12.35—Harry Davidson and His Orchestra Play "Old Fashioned Dances".

12.45—Introducing New Variety.

1.15—News, Weather Report, and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—"Morning Concert".

1.45—"Take It from Here"—With Joe Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBC).

2.00—"Home Hour"—Home Requests—Presented by Jackie Palmer. (Studio).

2.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

2.10—"Songs by Emilio Livi" (Tenor).

2.15—Weekly News Letter. (London Relay).

2.20—Service from the Studio—Conducted by the Rev. W. H. George. C.F. (Studio).

2.30—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay).

2.35—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Week's Programmes. (Studio).

2.40—"Election Talk"—No. 7. Lord Walton speaks on behalf of the Conservative Party. (London Relay).

2.45—"From the Editorials." (London Relay).

2.50—Interlude.

2.55—Studio Melodies—The Melodious Orchestra with Sylvia Rubin and Harry Dawson (Vocal) (BBC).

3.00—Symphony Concert—Wagner's "Die Meistersinger"—Conducted by Paul Van Kempen. (BBC).

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Bergman, Rossellini may marry in church

Rome, February 10.

Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini may eventually be able to wed in the Catholic Church, a Vatican source said today. The steps they must take are difficult and may not succeed. But they are possible.

The first step towards such a union, said a Jesuit writer for "Civiltà Cattolica," fortnightly publication of the Society of Jesus, must be for Rossellini to obtain a Catholic Church annulment of his marriage with Marcello di Marchis.

He has already applied to the Sacred Rota, the Catholic Church's high tribunal for such an annulment.

The second necessary step must be an annulment of the marriage of Bergman and Peter Lindstrom, Hollywood surgeon.

Both Rossellini and Bergman obtained civil decrees from their former spouses—the Italian director in Vienna and the actress in Mexico—but these are invalid before the Church.

Bergman need not become a Catholic to marry Rossellini in the Church.

Such a wedding would not be held before the altar of a Catholic Church and there would be no Mass. Bergman would be required to promise that children of the union would be brought up in the Church.

Rossellini has already announced that the baby boy born January 2 will be baptised a Catholic.

Very difficult

Should Bergman become a Catholic before the ceremony, the marriage could then be celebrated before a Catholic altar.

Both the "Civiltà Cattolica" writer and a lay lawyer for the Sacred Rota pointed out the extreme difficulty of Bergman's case. Rossellini, who is married in the Catholic Church, which considers marriage a sacrament for Catholics and for all an unbreakable contract. Both pointed out that annulment in the Church is not considered as a dissolution of a marriage contract but a declaration that such a contract never existed.

Gino Solis, Rossellini's lawyer, said today that Bergman's divorce papers will be rushed here possibly by special plane from Mexico before the end of the week.

Bergman's Mexican divorce was granted last night in a Juarez civil court.

Hospital attendants said that Bergman walked happily with her baby in the hospital corridors today, still well guarded by police. She received news of her Mexican divorce from her husband, Peter Lindstrom of Los Angeles, by cable from Juarez last night.

Star overjoyed

Rossellini was jubilant as he talked to reporters today. He described Bergman as overjoyed.

"Oh, why could it not have happened 10 months ago?" he exclaimed.

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8.15—Orchestra.

8.30—Morning Music.

9.00—Sunday Variety.

10.00—Harmony Hall.

10.15—Festival of Wales.

10.32—Church Service.

Light Music.

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P.M.

12.00—The Music of France.

12.15—Sports Results.

12.42—Lunch Time Music.

1.15—News And Weather Report.

1.30—Popular Concert.

2.00—Afternoon Music.

2.30—Curtain Call.

2.45—Tea Time Tunes.

3.00—Music Hall Variety.

3.30—Lullaby Serenade.

4.00—Just For You.

4.15—A special feature for the children.

4.30—H.B.C. News.

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Russia's leading researcher on plants, Trofim Denisovich Lysenko, has turned the world of genetics upside down. So far, no other geneticist outside the USSR can get anything like the results claimed by Lysenko.

In his latest book, "Soviet Genetics and World Science," Dr. Julian S. Huxley, British biologist with a world reputation, makes a critical analysis of Lysenko's claims, and provides the general reader with the first serious, and popular attempt, to refute them in an objective, scientific manner.

Genetics is that branch of science which deals with heredity in plants and animals—how inherited characteristics are transmitted from parent to offspring and how organisms change their characteristics over long periods (evolution).

Eighty years ago the Abbe Mendel discovered, in crossing peas, that certain characteristics are transmitted from parent to offspring in a regular, predictable manner, without any trace of blending or dilution. He, therefore, inferred that they were transmitted by some definite unit in the reproductive cells.

Biologists have since discovered these units, and called them genes. They are lodged within the cell-organs known as chromosomes. In other words, there is a physical basis for heredity.

False and reactionary

Neo-Mendellism, which Lysenko denounces as false, reactionary, idealistic and bourgeois, is

Mendellism is no longer a theory in the general sense of the term, any more than atoms or bacteria are theories. It is now a branch of science in its own right, with an outstanding record of research and discovery, much of it of immense value to agriculture and livestock breeding.

Neo-Mendellism lays it down that changes in an organism are the result of mutation and natural

By David Stephen

the name sometimes given to present-day genetic practice based on, and developed from, Mendel's original discovery.

Most geneticists, Russian and non-Russian, have been working along Neo-Mendellian lines since genetics became recognised as a fully-fledged branch of science.

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ral selection, as opposed to the Lamarckian view (Lamarck was a French scientist) that offspring inherit characters acquired by the parents in their lifetime; in other words that acquired characters are hereditary.

Classical Lamarckism was dead, discredited, till Lysenko began to make himself heard in the thirties. He attacked the Neo-Mendellian Soviet plant breeder, he took his stand firmly on the side of Lamarck, asserting that changes induced by environment in a living organism could be transmitted to the offspring.

He claims not only that acquired characters can be inherited, but that heredity is determined by the whole body and not just by the gene set-up in the chromosomes of the reproductive cells, and instances, as proof of his second contention, that in grafts, characters can be switched between scion and stock, and vice versa. And says he has done it.

So Huxley the Neo-Mendellian biologist examines, in this book, the claims of Lysenko, the Neo-Lamarckian, creator of the new Soviet genetics.

Biologist of integrity

Being a fair man, in spite of the insults thrown at him by one Soviet paper, and a biologist of unimpeachable integrity, he goes out of his way to make certain things clear at the start.

He points out that Soviet science in general stands at a very high level; that in some fields it is out in front, and that one of the most brilliant geneticists of the world has ever known, a man respected and admired in every country, was Professor Vavilov, demoted in favour of Lysenko, and now dead.

So he gives the question the treatment it is due—serious scientific consideration, unprejudiced but hypercritical.

And is convinced Lysenko is all wrong, while admitting he has made a number of remarkable and useful discoveries, and done great work for his country.

He accuses Lysenko of approaching his work with his mind made up, of not taking elementary scientific precautions, of working with impure strains subject to wide variations of not using scientific controls, of not guarding against cross-pollination, of claiming as new the neo-Lamarckian character of peaches which has been known for a lifetime.

He accuses him of not publishing his work in a way that can be studied by other workers, and tested by them under scientific control. And he points out, stresses, that nobody can get the same results as Lysenko anyway.

Both Huxley and Ashby, having met Lysenko and discussed his work with him, are convinced he is honest, but that he gets his results in the ordinary way, crediting them wrongly because he does not guard against selection or alternative explanations.

Scientifically illiterate

Huxley says he is scientifically illiterate. Ashby goes further and says "He may be doing a great job for Russia, but the bulk of his opinions on genetics may be dismissed as the products of a medieval mind using what is almost a medieval technique."

These are the considered opinions of two famous geneticists and also the opinions of many Russians. Why, then, has the Soviet Government blessed Lysenko's theories, calling them right and necessary, and abandoned Neo-Mendellism, calling it useless, foreign, unpatriotic and other worse names? This is what disturbs Huxley.

Impressed by Lysenko's practical results the Soviet Government has done more than give him increased facilities; it has thrown out all the other scientists and impeded them before the world.

In spite of the fact that other Russian geneticists, testing Lysenko's claims, have produced a number of control failures to get his results. And in spite of the new maize, the new yams, the new tailor-made pigs, and the new poultry evolved in the USSR along Neo-Mendellian lines.

This book is a must for all thinking people. It is thoroughly done, written in a pleasant, easy style that will scare no one. But it would be an advantage to read along with it the Report to the Lenin Academy of Agricultural Sciences, given by Lysenko in July/August, 1949.

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**What the CHINESE PRESS is saying****Charge against Hirohito**

WEN WEI PAO: Japanese Emperor Hirohito should be tried as a war criminal. He was responsible for carrying out biological warfare in China and the Chinese people suffered most from Japanese atrocities during the war.

We support the Soviet's demand that Hirohito should be brought before a War Crimes Tribunal to answer the charges. If the United States of America and other foreign powers have any desire to uphold the Chinese people's right to justice and security, they should consent to the setting up of an international military tribunal to deal with Japanese leaders accused of carrying out biological warfare.

The excuse that "any such tribunal cannot be set up because the trials of war criminals have been concluded holds no water.

International situation

SING TAO JIH PAO: The year 1950 has begun with considerable changes in the Far East situation—changes which are causing tension throughout the world and widespread speculation on the possibility of an outbreak of a third international war.

The international situation is so tense that American military experts have predicted that this year might turn out to be the eve of a second Pearl Harbor event. Whether or not a third world war breaks out this year, cannot be forecast. Nevertheless, the complicated French Indo-China

situation might well set off the spark to such a catastrophe. Mao Tse-tung is still in Moscow. Without doubt, his talks with Stalin will have a significant bearing on the international situation. It is possible that they may decide on concerted action in the international political arena.

However, the Western nations have taken precautionary measures in the Pacific and the Hong Kong Conference by American statesmen will map other similar measures. A Pacific Alliance appears to be probable.

Far East policy

WAH KIU YAT PO: The White House appears to be still groping in the dark for a Far East policy. The United States of America is determined to maintain superiority in the Far East in order to protect its economic and financial interests.

Its policy is to remain aloof in the "cold war" in order to avoid conflict with the Soviet. Its policy is also to provide economic assistance to Far East nations but to avoid giving military aid.

This policy is not firm and demonstrates the indecisive nature of American Far Eastern policy. There can be only one answer for this indecisive policy: the United States wants to reap harvests without financial commitments.

It is shirking its responsibilities to the world. This is most regretful.

The second round

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INDIAN DELEGATE LASHES PAKISTAN

Lake Success, February 10.

Mr. Bonogal N. Rau, India's delegate to the United Nations, told the Security Council today that the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief's advice to his Government of rendering more direct assistance to Kashmiri tribesmen was a most damaging admission.

Mr. Rau said that the admission proved that in spite of Pakistan's protestation, Pakistan was, in fact, rendering the tribesmen, even before April 20, 1948, some kind of assistance, direct or indirect.

He was referring to an appreciation of the military situation in Kashmir which had been given to the Pakistan Government by General Sir Douglas E. Gracey, Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army, dated April 20, 1948, and which the Pakistan Foreign Minister read to the Security Council during his speech on Wednesday.

The Security Council was resuming its debate on the Kashmir question. Mr. Rau was replying in detail to a six-hour speech made by Sir Mohammed Zafarullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, at previous sessions.

Referring to that part of the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief's appreciation, which recommended that regular units of the Pakistan Army must, if necessary, be sent into Kashmir, Mr. Rau said: "I must confess that I have been gravely disturbed by this disclosure here."

"Is a British Commander-in-Chief of a Dominion of the Commonwealth recommending that a military expedition should be sent, if necessary, against a sister Dominion?"

He declared that the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief was recommending that the assistance should take a more direct form. This was conclusive proof that India's complaint to the Security Council in January was completely true.

"My friend twitted me upon my use of the quaint phrase 'the complaint had become true,' he said. 'In view of the proof he has now himself furnished I am able to dispense with that quaint phrase, and say that the complaint has been proved to be true.'

Two questions

"I should like, at this point, to ask my distinguished friend two questions."

"Once before actually sending the Pakistan Army into Kashmir, was His Majesty's Government in England consulted or even informed?"

"I ask this question because I believe that the recommendation involved a serious offence against the British Foreign Enlistment Act."

Mr. Rau continued: "I feel sure that if there had been any such consultation the step would never have been taken and we should have been spared all the difficulties that it has created."

Peking link with Moscow

San Francisco, February 10.

In a frank move to tie up closer with Russia, the Chinese Communists reported today they are planning a telephoto network linking Peking, Shanghai and Moscow.

The announcement, broadcast by the Peking radio, also said a China-wide telephoto system is planned and an international wireless station will be built in Peking for wireless communication with, first of all, the USSR and the "new democracies."

—Associated Press.

and that now impede our progress."

Mr. Rau spoke with great difficulty and frequently had to stop to drink water, after a speech to the Council saying that he was just recovering from a severe cold.

"The second question I should like to ask," he continued, "is whether, at any point of his appreciation, the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief cautioned the Pakistan Government that the Pakistan Government might constitute a breach of international law?"

Unjustified plea
"I feel that, in order to protect himself, he would have taken this precaution, having regard to his conduct on an earlier occasion."

Pakistan claimed that the despatch of its troops was necessary in view of considerations of self-defence. Such a plea might have passed muster in the old days, but now there was the United Nations, with Article 51 of the Charter which gave all nations the right of individual or collective self-defence.

This, however, imposed a limitation on the right of self-defence which was that the State must be attacked and that if any measures of self-defence were taken they must be reported to the United Nations immediately.

In the present instance, there was admittedly no armed attack on Pakistan and admittedly too the sending of its army into Kashmir was not reported to the Security Council.

"Had Pakistan reported its troop movements, the Security Council would not have allowed their entry into Kashmir and the subsequent mischief to which the invasion led would have been avoided."

Other wrongs
"Because of this initial wrong, certain other wrongs followed, namely, the building of the so-called Azad forces and administration."

"I still say that all these wrongs should be completely undone before a plebiscite can be taken. Any other course will involve recognition of an act which is not only against the plain provisions of the Charter but is also a crime according to British municipal law."

The United Nations would be creating a dangerous precedent if it took any other view or adopted any other course. The Security Council knew that the Indian Army had gone into Kashmir to repel the invaders. Pakistan now said that she had rendered no assistance whatever to the raiders. When, however, she found that India was on the point of expelling the raiders, Pakistan found it necessary to send her army into Kashmir in order to hold the line.—Reuter.



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SECRET TALKS AT HARWELL

Harwell, February 10.

British, Canadian and United States atom scientists found fresh memorandum pads and blotters ready for them when they met here today for the second session of their four-day conference—all yesterday's pads and notes and blotters were burned for secrecy.

One of the British experts, Mr. M. W. Perrin, the British Ministry of Supply's Deputy Controller of Atomic Energy, was absent this morning because he attended the Bow Street Magistrates' Court in London to give evidence in the case of Klaus Emil Fuchs who was committed for trial on charges under the Official Secrets Act.

The experts are discussing how many—if any—new details of their work can be released for general publication.

A triple guard of War Department police is on duty for the conference.

Some of the delegates are staying at the atomic research station here, and certain measures are being taken at hotels where others are staying.—Reuter.

VATICAN PLANS FOR ALLIANCE OF RELIGIONS

Vatican City, February 10.

The Vatican authorities are believed to be planning a massive alliance of Catholic, Protestant and Moslem forces in a united common front against Communism, Vatican sources said today.

The alliance would be designed to check the spread of atheistic Communism by joint action between the three religions in defending the spiritual and moral values of those who believe in God.

The first step towards a closer collaboration between Catholics and Protestants is expected this month with the publication of new instructions from the Pope to the Catholic Bishops of the world.

These may pave the way to conferences between theologians of the two religions on the moral and social problems of today.

First steps towards an understanding between Catholicism and Islam are reported to be taken by Al Omar Mohammed, the Egyptian Minister to the Holy See, who is due back in Rome shortly after consultations with his Government.

Catholic circles here estimate that an alliance between the three religions could eventually group together about 330,000,000 people in a common action for the defence of their religious beliefs against the Communist materialistic threat.

Relaxing rules

Published statistics put the Catholic population of the world at 423,000,000, the Protestant population at 207,000,000 and the Moslems at 209,000,000.

Against this about 750,000,000 people, including about 50,000,000 Protestants and Catholics, are estimated to be living in the countries of Eastern Europe and Asia entirely under Communist domination.

Preparations are understood to have been going ahead to relax the rules which restrict Catholic co-operation with the Protestant churches.

The new instruction to Bishops which the Pope is expected to issue this month through the Holy Office would be the first fruit of these preparations.—Reuter.

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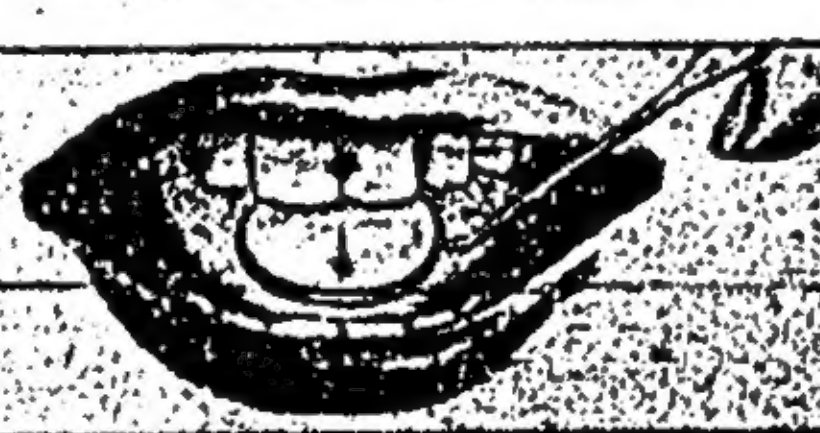
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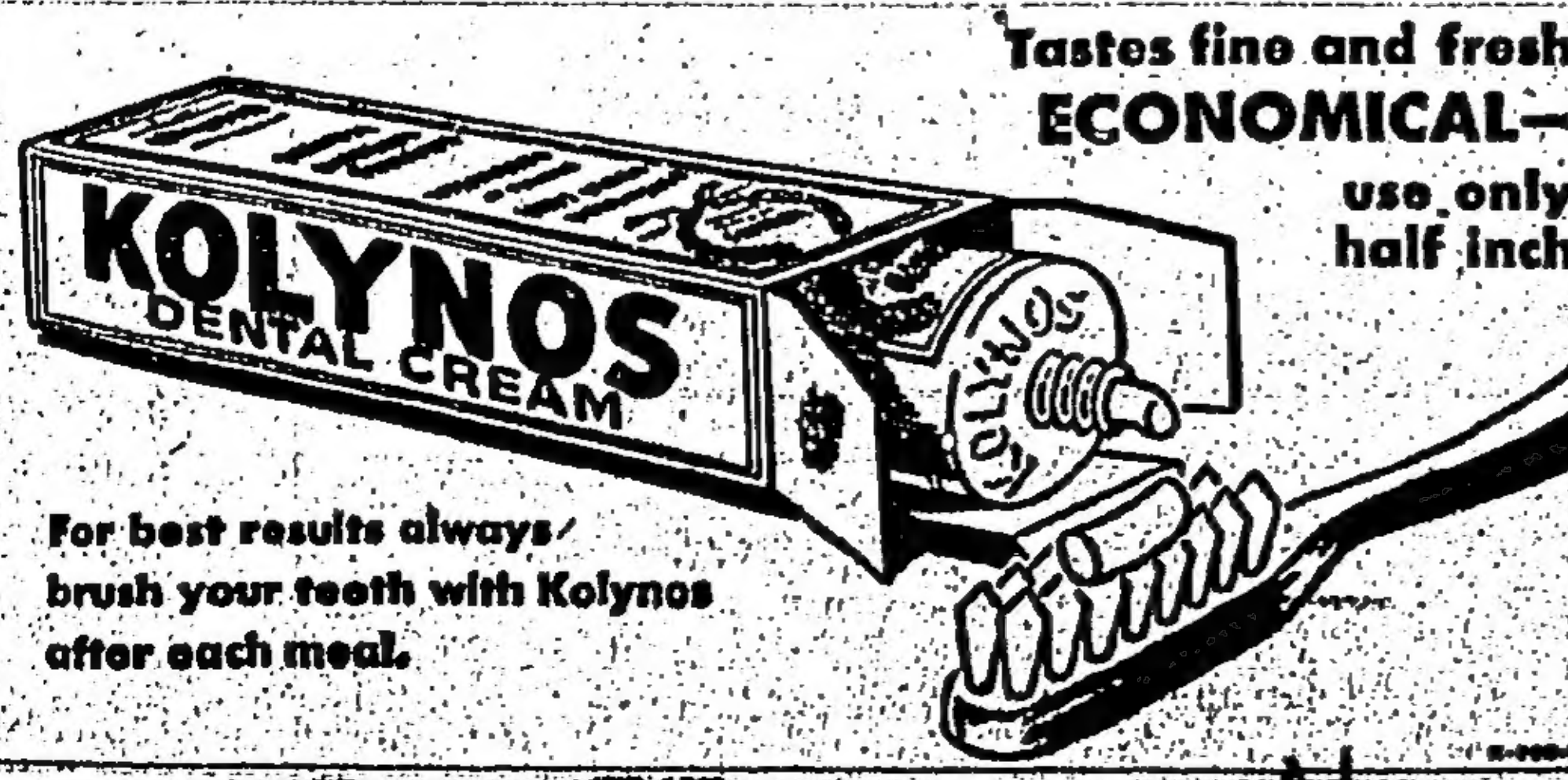
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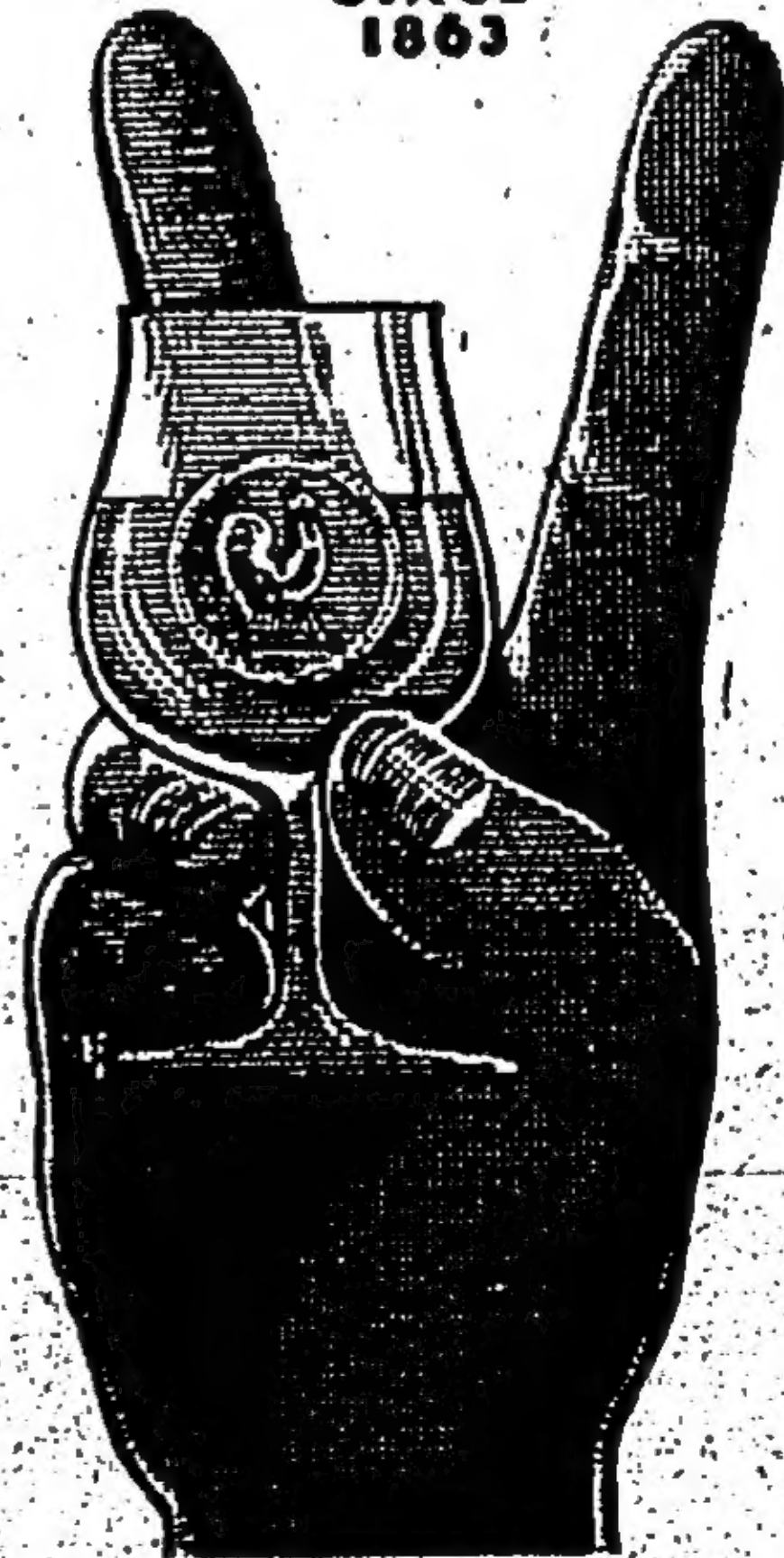


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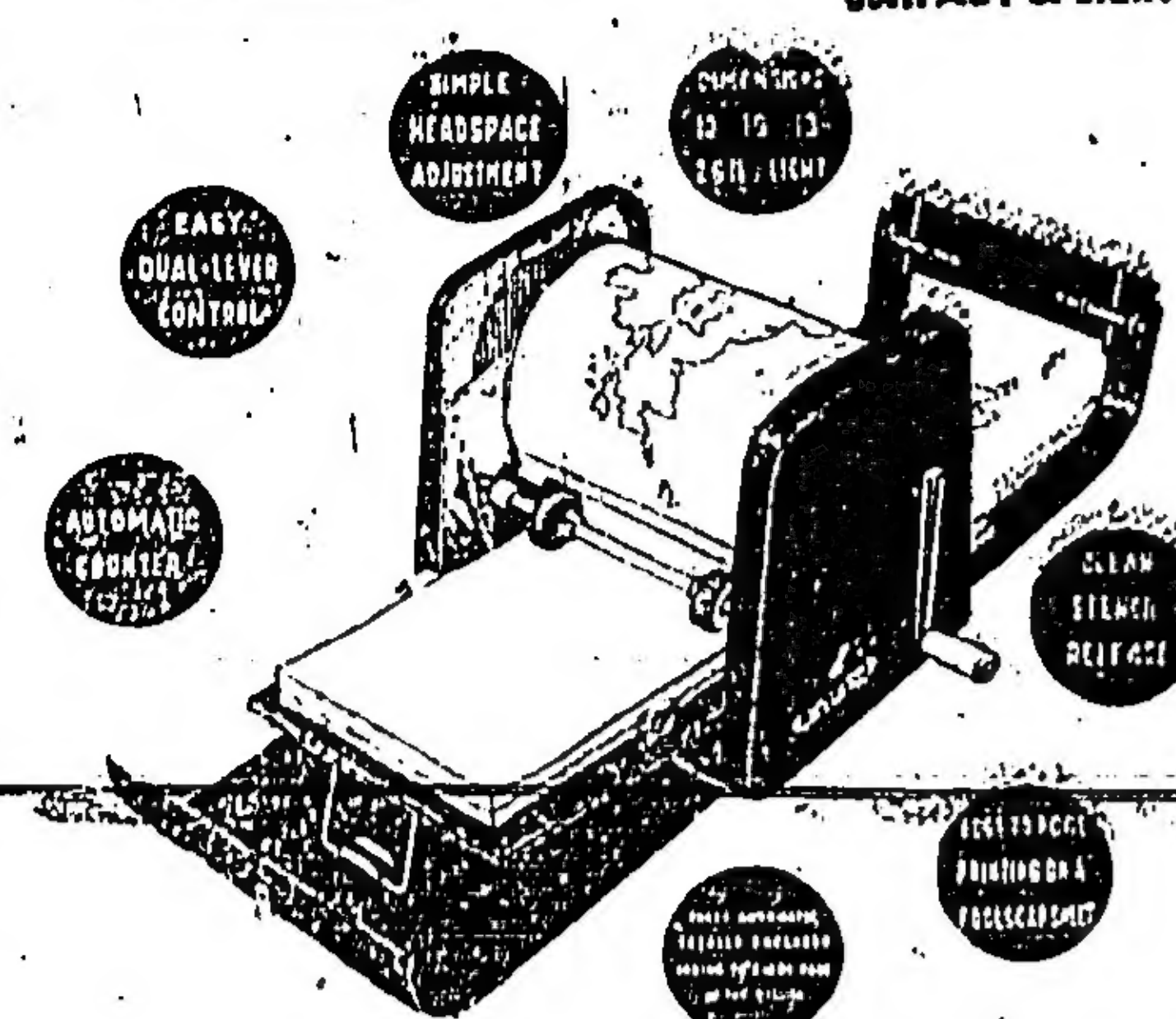
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Sir Miles Thomas, chairman of BOAC, who is visiting Hong Kong for business talks early next week, is reputed in England to have an extraordinarily good memory. Two instances often quoted concern the time when he wrote a whole report of the Paris Motor Show with hardly a note.



SIR MILES THOMAS

The copy, written in Paris, was lost in transit, so young Mr. Thomas, as he then was, was ordered to fly back to the office in London. Fortified with numerous cups of black coffee he dictated solidly to relays of typists for 12 hours through the night.

The other recalls when he was sent down to Oxford to meet the then Mr. W. R. Morris (now Lord Nuffield) to view an entirely new range of Morris cars. That was one of the formative years of the Morris business—1923—and the motor chief was surprised and perturbed to find that Mr. Thomas did not take a single note. Nevertheless, his report was more technically factual than that of others who had used copious sheets of paper.

Sir Miles disclaims that his memory is out of the ordinary. But I believe that it's still disconcertingly retentive for some of the kind of things that junior executives in his organisation might prefer forgotten.

During the war Lady Thomas was a member of the Women's Auxiliary Police Force. She is President of the Oxfordshire Women's Golf Club, and is keenly interested in the women's institute movement.

She and Sir Miles have two children—a married daughter,

Shella, who is a doctor and is a B.M., B. Ch. (Oxford).

Mr. Thomas is in Lisutenant Michael Thomas, R.N., at present stationed in the East.

Stories about Sir Miles, like those about the late Lord Trent, are varied and numerous, but particularly like the one, which insists that he actually landed an aeroplane in the Garden of Eden.

It was while he was a pilot in the 1014-18 war. Stationed at Baghdad, Mesopotamia, he was chosen to fly the Chief Political Officer to an area occupied by an unruly tribe of marsh Arabs near the confluence of the Tigris and the Euphrates. The drill was to fly over these Arabs at a very low altitude and drop leaflets telling them that they had better stop carrying out raids, pay their taxes and be good citizens—or else....

Unfortunately, the heat of the desert proved too much for the engine of the stick-and-string aeroplane, and it seized on full throttle. Sir Miles tried to pull off a landing on what looked like level ground alongside a stretch of water. But it turned out to be soft mud and the aeroplane turned base over apex. No bones were broken, and as the Political Officer could speak Arabic, the two airmen were taken by tribesmen to the chieftain's hut.

The area where they had landed is reputed by legend to be the site of the Garden of Eden, where Eve was tempted by a serpent and an apple altered the course of history.

But there was nothing idyllic about the subsequent meal. Squatting on the floor of the hut they were presented with bowls of rice cooked in some evil-smelling fat and an unsavoury mess of boiled chicken. The Political Officer told his pilot to eat with his left hand only, to preserve local ritual.

After a few mouthfuls Sir Miles heard the Officer give vent to the kind of ejaculations that are usually associated with violent indigestion.

Fearing that he had been hurt in the crash he asked if he was all right.

"Sure I'm all right," said the Political Officer. "You do that to show your appreciation." Sir Miles was shocked, but interested.

So what had previously been a solo effort became a competi-

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

Like the story of Canute at the sea-side, Alfred in the peacocks' home, and George Washington and the tree, this little record of a king taking inspiration from a spider makes charming reading.

Head of the British Council

The head of the British Council in Hong Kong is a small, slight man whose name recalls one of the most inspiring incidents in Scottish history. He is Mr. Robert Bruce, namesake of Robert the Bruce, who rejected defeatism because a little spider supplied an illustration.



MR. ROBERT BRUCE

tion of what can be achieved by tenacity.

Mr. Bruce, a native of Fraserburgh, in Aberdeenshire, joined me a few things about himself at his office the other day, which convinced me that no better man could be selected for his job.

Quiet and retentive, after the fashion of most scholars, Mr. Bruce is an internationalist whose world is not limited by the horizons of his trade. An authority on sociology, his career has been varied, and interesting. He talks with candour and knowledge on most things—paintings, music, adult education, the cinema, the habits of the Eskimos, and the song of a lonely trapper singing in Canada which was recognised as a lost ballad.

Mr. Bruce deplors his indifferent health, which forced him to resign from the civil service when he was stationed as a cadet officer in Malaya some years ago. He has a fair knowledge of Cantonese, and enjoys assuming ignorance of the language when sore-keepers in Kowloon raise their prices 50 per cent whenever he appears.

A lecturer "of distinction," he often addresses himself to his subject with little or no notes. He has travelled extensively in Europe, and in Prague was introduced to a rapt audience as "Mr. Robert Bruce, illustrious descendant of the Kings of Scotland."

Discussing his name, Mr. Bruce told me that he does not come from the family of the original Bruce. Despite a few incidents of this sort, he is fond of his name and would not change it for any other in the world. He denies that the progress of a spider up a ceiling has the capacity to arouse him when the mood is not there.

daughter of Bernard Shore, a member of the BBC music staff, who has just written a book called "The Sixteen Symphonies."

It describes the most outstanding musical works ever produced, and relates certain incidents connected with them—like the incredible fact of Beethoven's deafness when he composed the Pastoral symphony, Tchaikovsky's lonely brooding which inspired the Pathétique, and Schubert's mad flights of impossible romance which clouded the Unfinished.

Mr. Bartlett sketches for a hobby, but will do very little of this while in Hong Kong because he is too busy. She has taken on three jobs in addition to looking after her baby—as a typist, in Jardine's, an announcer at Radio Hong Kong, and as occasional hostess at the Cheong Services Club.

She tells me she is inspired by the natural beauty of Hong Kong, and must capture on canvas an April dawn breaking across The Peak. She enjoys doing flowers; and was terrified one afternoon at the Botanic Gardens when a crowd suddenly gathered to observe her progress as she sketched a bunch of marigolds.

Joins her husband

Mrs. Christine Bartlett is an Englishwoman who has not allowed inconveniences to interfere with her decision to join her husband in Hong Kong. He is Labour Minister-Commander H. J. Bartlett, R.N.

She came here a few weeks ago with her little son Christopher despite the fact that she was told no accommodation would be provided, since Commander Bartlett is not based ashore.



MRS. CHRISTINE BARTLETT

Slim, tall, and very chic, Mrs. Bartlett, although Hong Kong's weather, and arduous house-searching, produced discomfort at odd times.

Still very young, Mrs. Bartlett tells me she has made some interesting friends, and will enjoy her stay here very much. She has no idea when she will be returning to England, because it depends entirely on the movements of her husband.

A Londoner, Mrs. Bartlett was born within hearing of the Bow Bells, which once lured Dick Whittington back and made him famous for all time. She is the

former musician who will be leaving on the Corfu on Friday in Mr. Ken Baker, the Government's Labour Officer. He and Mrs. Baker are going to the United Kingdom where Mr. Baker will take a special three-month course on trade unionism.

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good a cause may be, the proper machinery for action must always be applied, or sympathy for the workers will go away. Trade unionism in Hong Kong, he thinks, is fundamentally a good thing—but the British approach, and not the Chinese approach, is what is wanted here.

Young dancer in Hong Kong

Miss Jackie Rich is the youngest member of the Rich Family—an American dance troupe who came to Hong Kong last week to perform at the Skyroom Ballroom. She is gay, pretty, vivacious and by far the smartest tap-dancer who ever delighted an audience in this staid Colony.

She comes from a musical family, and was taught how to dance by her father, who in turn was taught by a certain Jose Can-sino, the father of Rita Hayworth—now the Princess Aly Khan.



MISS JACKIE RICH

Miss Rich is not a classicalist, but an artiste who performs in the modern American vein. In dances for the sheer joy of it, like Irene Castle many years ago, who turned down a fat contract because she had to play in India—where tap dancing is no better understood than Greek lore," she told George Kaufman.

Eighteen and auburn-haired, Miss Rich told me she was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Since a very early age she has danced far her living, and is now thoroughly familiar with the fascinating world of the footlights.

A few months ago Prince Bernadotte of Sweden was so impressed by her virile interpretation of a fast dance number, that he asked to be presented.

"Jackie," her mother used to tell her, "you will have to curb your enthusiasm on 7 feet—you'll break down one day."

In Manila a few weeks ago her mother's caution came back to her when her tremendous exertions evoked a split in the bands that held her costume up. Terrified by the imminent nudity she swiftly improved a "break-down" number, and the audience, applauded frantically at the close, not realising the contraptions that had just been avoided.

Miss Rich is an acrobatist as well as a dancer, and her opening night performance at the Skyroom as a collegiate boogie-woogie, suggests well-trained and supple limbs.

Does she do ballet as well? I asked her, out of sheer curiosity. She said she is able to dance mostly anything, but classical ballet, being un-American, is not her forte.

She is also an actress of considerable merit, and in Manila so enthralled successive audiences with the spirit of her speeches that she was later come every Friday night to tempt at the spectacle of her being pushed around and kicked by a drunken sailor in a Portland dive.

Miss Rich stands five feet four. She is right blonde, and a little last week enhanced the allure of her appearance. She dresses well and wears almost no jewels. Off the stage she is shy, receding. On it she exudes that charm of which stars are made. Is her remote association with Rita Hayworth in some way symbolic?

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AUSTRALIAN LETTER

Sydney, January 30.
This was bound to happen. It has come to light that some migrants, New Australians, or what-you-will, are imbued with the idea that it is not necessary to work in Australia and while some (of us) say that the department should do something to dispel the rosy mists, s-o-m-e say that it is plainly a local contagion.

However if the old old story of a land flowing with milk and honey can be told round the health in far off places it must be a terrific lot-down to find that it is just as necessary for migrants to work hard in Australia as in the country of their origin.

Australians themselves who find it hard to succeed, but this is not obvious in the first quick look at the country where the welkin resounds with grumbling about even a 40-hour week.

The A.F.T. (Australian Tired Feeling) is a highly contagious evil but after the first bout newcomers can develop their resistance and battle on towards the security which they see, even though it can only be won the hard way. This stands out in the uncomplaining attitude of the majority as they slog away at the oft-times ungenial jobs allotted for the first two years as part of their bargain.

Toughest thing about the indenture system is the waste of good professional skill when specially qualified men and women are put to manual labour. The ordinary citizen considers it a very odd thing to deliberately divert talents which could so materially assist in national development, and to the migrants themselves it must seem too utterly utter. The foolishness got an airing when six foreign doctors after completing three years further study at the Sydney University were debarred on a ballot from the right to practice because the quota was filled. Result is that a proposal to abolish the quota system will be put before the State Cabinet and when this is agreed out there's a chance that some other parochial clauses affecting migrants will be revised.

Queensland's Premier, Hanlon thinks that new Australians would be more quickly caught up into the Australian way of life if there was a reduction in the period of residence in Australia from the present five years before naturalisation. He advocates that one day a month be set aside in every Australian city and township for naturalisation ceremonies to inculcate a national pride in the new and democratic that Australian citizenship was worthwhile to the 'old.' Suggestion for a Citizenship conference is for well-established migrants to form groups to help new arrivals become assimilated into community life and with a few old uns along to put some give as well as take into the know-how it could be a good show.

Way of life

Most over-worked phrase in current speechifying is the 'Australian way of life' but to get a spontaneous definition is on a par with the one about a spiral staircase.

Professor Bland, Emeritus Professor of Public Administration, stated through the Press his summing up that our life is a compound of inheritance, isolation and environment. Says we inherit the British love of law and

order, a sense of justice and a hatred of being pushed around that makes the Australian difficult to drive, but easy to lead.

From our isolation we tend to develop irresponsibility and indifference to matters beyond our shores, which makes us very harsh to foreigners and intolerant of their habits. However, he thinks climatic influences tend to overshadow our inherited trends.

Sport is more important than culture; work is an evil, anything is good enough, and that's why we tend to be afraid of new Australians. There, it's out: the Prof. thinks we're a lot of 'frailty-caust' Pretty stark, isn't it!

The wheel of misfortune came full cycle with the terrific explosion which blasted the interior of the tank landing ship H.M.A.S. *Canberra* at the naval dockyard, Garden Island. Petrol fumes from a disused tank blew two decks ignited, either by men smoking or a spark from an electric fan are thought to have caused the disaster which resulted in the death of six ratings and (early) injuries to 20 others trapped by blazing debris. More than 1,000 people responded to radio appeals for blood donations and doctors and nurses worked day and night to save the lives of the injured who were rescued by men of reckless courage and heroism hoarding the burning ship to free the trapped.

First shot in the attack on the high cost of living will be fired by Federal Treasurer Fadden when he asks the Cabinet to combine the social service tax of 10 per cent with the income tax (which would save for the taxpayer a large part of the 1/10) and also to eliminate in some cases and reduce in others, sales tax on household and house-building commodities.

Everyone is panting to learn what the expert committee on taxation will suggest when Parliament meets this month. Apart from the complex machinery of the Taxation Department, the present system makes a pig-in-a-poke good business, and an amendment to the act is wanted to give the taxpayer ready means of checking his assessment.

Mr. Fadden is not inclined to bend his back and bow his head to the British Treasury in the matter of Australia's contribution to the dollar pool and his influence was seen in the Federal Government's action on petrol in Canberra they're saying that a change of Government policy is sticking out of the Treasurer's claim that Australia's contribution to the sterling dollar pool is much greater than it appears on paper.

The point is being made that by supplying Britain with meat, butter, wheat, copra and certain base metals Australia is freeing considerable quantities of dollars, and is relieving Britain of the obligation to spend dollars on them. This line of reasoning shows that Australia is actually earning more dollars than she is given credit for, and therefore should be given a more liberal allowance from the pool. Another angle is that—Australia should make an attempt to earn more dollars by direct sales to the various foreign countries, and while dollars so earned would go into the dollar pool they would show more substantially on the credit side of Australia's ledger.

The harsh, grating sound of a political pebble in the wheels of the strike, which has paralyzed the activities of the Shell Oil Company in New South Wales. Deliberately timed to

embarrass the Menzies Government which has been sitting up at night to solve the petrol problem, the strike, which was endorsed and furthered by the disputes committee of the Trades and Labour Council, cost the community the loss of nearly 21,000,000 gallons in the first week. Political observers maintain there was no genuine industrial grievance—merely an attempt to discredit the non-Labour Federal Government on an issue to which labour brought neither good sense or initiative.

While most land men are rubbing their hands over the satisfactory state of prices and yields the curtain has fallen on a sad little story of close settlement in Victoria. A further acre of farmland in the country west of Mildura has been forced to gather up goods and chattels and walk off, leaving the land to be divided amongst the few who remain.

These men who have been forced by circumstances beyond their control to give in, will each get a little over £1,000 as Government compensation, but with the current high cost of living this is a mere drop in the ocean to a family man in his fifties who knows no other job than farming and has no land to farm. It all comes of the official idea that in 640-acre Mallee block in a seven-inch rainfall area would give a family a living. Villain of the piece was the State Water Supply Commission which was unable to keep water flowing through channels continually being blocked by drift sand, and which cost £20,000 a year. When this closer settlement scheme was set up in 1924 there were over 1,000 people in 3,000 square miles, but now there are barely 200 and these are just creaking out a living with sheep and an occasional wheat crop.

Crazy people?

There's a new gold rush following a certain discovery but even though sensational, highlights stand out like beacons. It's not likely to help the economy of the country or the individual. The big trick started after a society hostess appeared on a fashionable beach wearing a gold-plated swimsuit and it didn't take long for the prospectors (gender mainly feminine) to smell out the most likely spot to stake a claim. With the exclusive rights and the enquirers don't care what they pay if only etc., etc. But as the firm hasn't a stack of Mallee modes ready to hand out, the hope of commonsense is likely to be brought into play between now and then. The toys are made by a new American process by which 22-carat gold is plated on the material; in America the cost is 10/- per foot but as yet no one will hazard an estimate of the cost of the Australian-made for the Australian maid.

Bid to grab the spotlight occasionally for male attire is made by Jimmy Onions in his role of local-boy-makes-good. He left Australia in 1932 with one suit and now has a collection of 22 suits for every-day wear, and three cocktail-suits of silk, satin, and crepe de Chine, in vivid colours and—art moderne—designs. Mr. A. James Onions who is an interior decorator, gives that all his wear these but oh-so-ekotic clothes and think nothing of it. His crowd? Why, all the Bohemian crowd of course—Michael Wilding, Jimmy Mason et al. Mr. Onions thinks that if women can get away with wearing a more resplendent dress of earlier centuries than so far men and to this end he got himself a brocade waistcoat to acquire a Regency frock to the ballet.



H: the symbol that destroys

History will probably record that the Hydrogen Bomb was born on September 23, 1949.

For years there has been nothing "top secret" about the awesome explosive potential of the hydrogen atom.

Back in 1946 a theoretical treatise on the weapon by Hans Thirring was being sold across Vienna bookshop counters.

As the report by the United States Government Atomic Energy Commission reveals, investigation into the nature of the hydrogen atom has been going on quietly but persistently for years.

But it was not until President Truman announced in Washington one warm afternoon last September that Russia had managed to produce a plutonium-type atomic weapon, and explode it that these theories became urgent and imperative.

Though public announcements at the time expressed complacency and a total lack of worry, Russia's production of an atom bomb at least as effective as those dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki caused surprise and shock in America.

Stalin's scientists had done this job at least two years earlier than anyone had expected.

Race was on

And so, starting from September 23 last, the Atomic Race was on—and America's military men, scientists, and statesmen immediately had to decide what to do to keep their country in front.

The Hydrogen Bomb, which would theoretically have 1,000 times the destructive force of the present-day bombs, was an obvious answer. But it was not as easy as that.

As David Lilienthal, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has put it, deciding to build the H-Bomb is rather like deciding to buy a house.

Should you buy a house or put the money into your children's education? Should you buy or build? Should you cut down on other expenses to keep up the payments on the mortgage?

Secret talks

Questions as simple as fundamental, but a good deal more portentous were discussed first by the scientists and military strategists, then by the President and his advisers in highly secret meetings at the White House.

By William Hardcastle

One fundamental question was: Is it really worth making the H-Bomb. A project which might be expected to produce the finished article in about three years would cost at least £200,000,000.

It was not until April 1945, when the first bomb was tested in the New Mexico desert, that anybody was sure that the £700,000,000 spent on the Hiroshima-type weapon would "pay off."

Even so, military opinion was that, especially in view of the probability that Russia's apparently excellent physicists were already hard at work on the H-Bomb, the project should be started immediately.

But the very likelihood of Russia's activities raised other doubts in the minds of the politicians and diplomats. They wondered about the basic advisability of plunging headlong into an atomic-arms race with Russia without fully exploring the possibilities of settlement.

So no appeal

They appreciated the military point of view, but wondered whether a last appeal to sense

could not halt the race before it led to disaster.

Consideration of these doubts has led President Truman and his advisers to the conviction that a direct appeal to Stalin is now out of the question. The suggestion of such unilateral attempts by Washington to settle international problems with Moscow has produced alarm among America's allies, especially Britain, in the past.

The fear was that the two Great Powers might "do a deal" between themselves without other countries being consulted.

The only hope, therefore—and it is admittedly a slim one—is for agreement for international atomic control in the United Nations.

Just a bang

There is one other important fact about the Hydrogen Bomb which is important to the problem it poses: All work and money that are put into it can produce no possible benefit for the world at large. Unlike the original Atom Bomb, it holds forth no promise of a great new source of industrial energy or major advances in medical science.

As one scientist has put it: "It's a big bang and nothing else."

Many scientists are worried about the completely destructive character of the H-Bomb, which can be expected to make a future war far worse than anything the people of Hiroshima experienced.

I have it on the best authority that theoretical investigation into the H-Bomb has included examination of the possibility of a series of H-Bomb explosions resulting in radioactive pollution of the world's atmosphere.

The conclusion is that such an eventually won't occur—but the fact that it should be considered at all emphasises the nightmarish aspects of the H-Bomb, against which some scientists find themselves instinctively rebelling.

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The conclusion is that such an eventually won't occur—but the fact that it should be considered at all emphasises the nightmarish aspects of the H-Bomb, against which some scientists find themselves instinctively rebelling.

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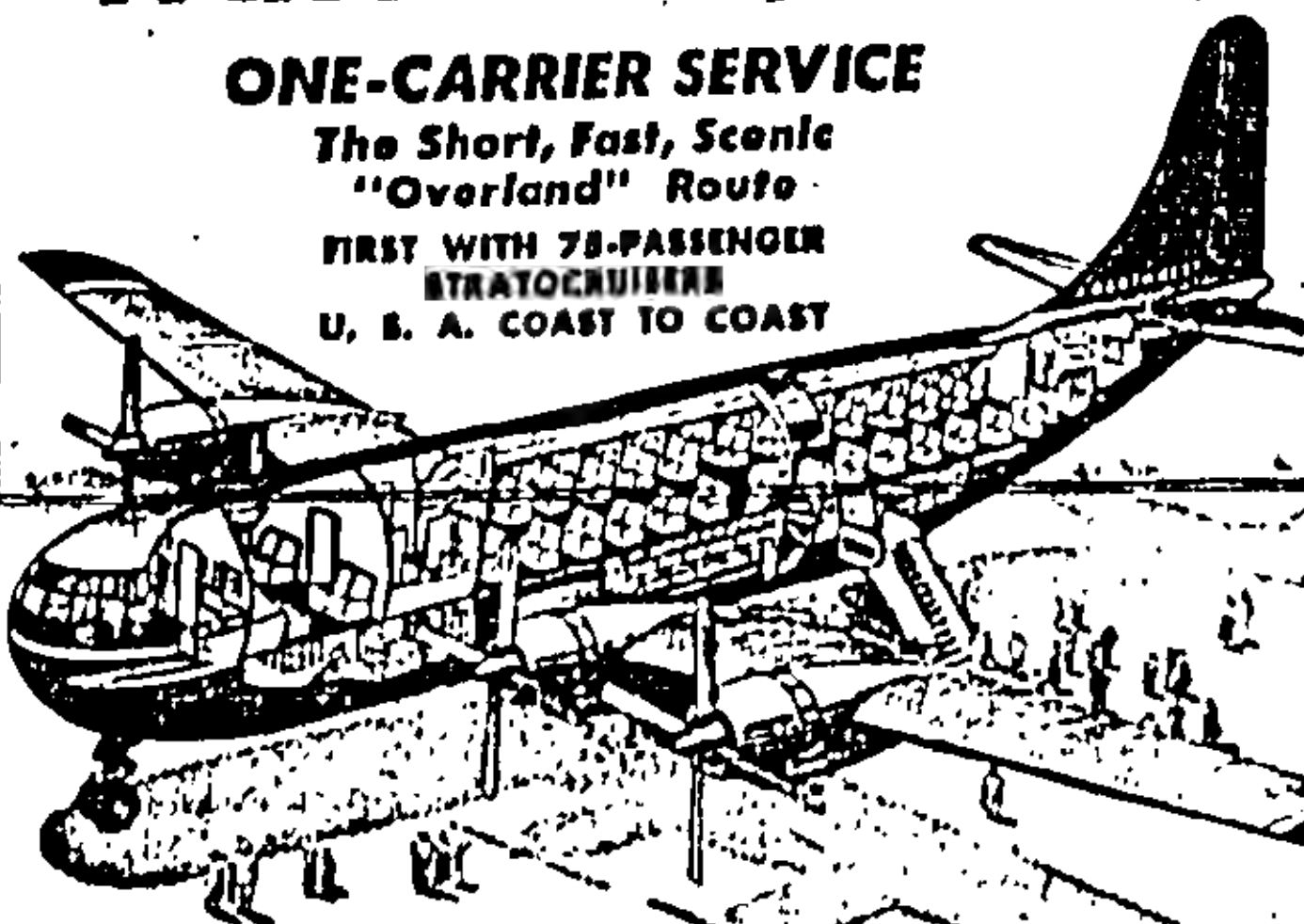
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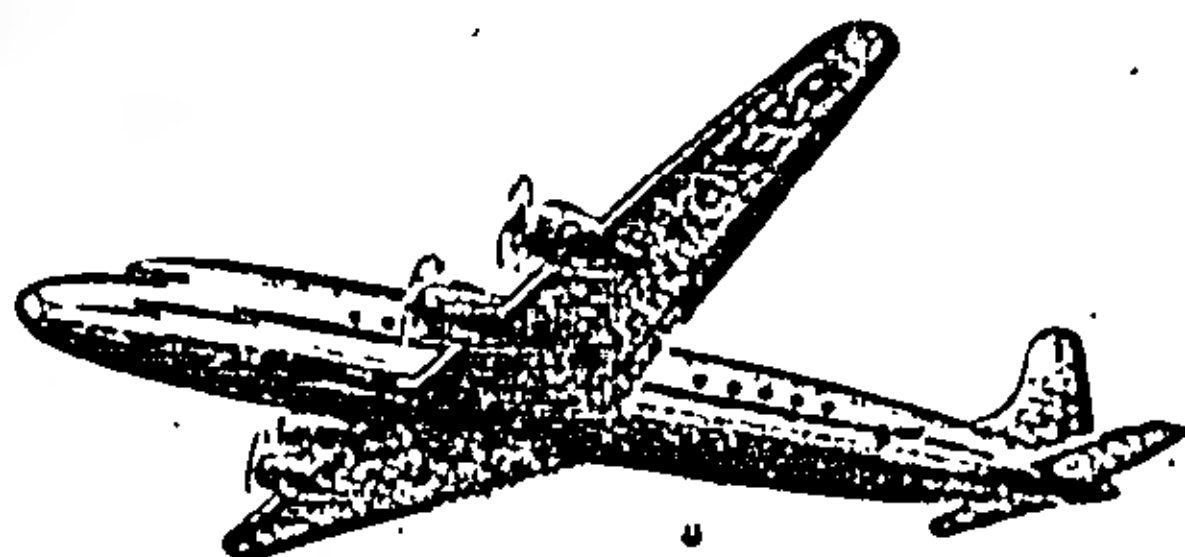
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DESTINY CAN WAIT AWHILE

Time was when we all had
plans and programmes for
China. We were all as busy

as could be in all sorts of different
ways. The Japanese got busy in Manchuria, and the
Lytton Commission went in to see what business they
had to be so busy. There were Boxer Fund Commissions,
Parliamentary delegations, Tariff Commissions, Mediation Commissions, alphabetical bodies, military advisers, plans, representations and what not.

Now all that is ended. We are on the outside looking in, and nobody quite knows what to do about it. Washington has retorted to the childish little jibe about her alleged reluctance to carry out the withdrawal of the Consuls by naming dates for those remaining to go out. It is certainly a vast change compared with two years ago, and none are more acutely conscious of it than the Americans. It is a sort of Great Western Withdrawal.

A few years ago half the Continent of Asia was occupied by the Japanese. The Allied Forces overwhelmed them and capitulation alone saved Japan herself from invasion in force. The West came to the East in such panoply of power as was undreamt of a decade before. Caesar in all his glory was never arrayed like MacArthur and Mountbatten. The volume of power and the distances covered were alike without parallel.

We mention it just in case it has been forgotten—and because the contrast today is almost incredible. But then, so was the contrast between 1945 and 1942. Great tidal waves have been moving across the Continent. Changeless Asia has become pre-eminently the world focus of change. The end of it is not yet, whether one thinks of such gigantic units as China or India. Nor is anybody certain just what will be the shape of events to come in Japan.

There are a number of very vocal people who want to do something about this sudden reduction of the West to the modest role of mere spectators in China. And some of the things they want to do are plain silly. Some want armed intervention, direct or indirect. Some say the day is lost throughout Asia from the Indian Ocean Eastward, and that the best thing to do would be to get out of these areas and let the Communist wave sweep over them. The American Secretary of State is hardly a happy man these days, but he has kept his head amid all the counsel and criticism to which he has been subjected.

In his exchange of letters a few days ago with Senator Lehman, the former head of UNRRA, Mr. Acheson emphasised that hasty or ill-considered action might do irreparable harm. He fully understood the public uneasiness over the fact that no positive course for the United States to follow within China suggested itself. But he agreed with the Senator that there was a positive course, and in the long run, a most important one. The United States, he said, should seek to maintain the friendliest relations with the peoples of Asia, and to show the Chinese people that (in desire, as always, was the advancement of their welfare and interest).

It is for us during this period to extend with tact and understanding a helping hand where we can, and a guiding hand where this will not be resented, and above all to see that the

Janet and Bill were very polite about it, but you could see that they were quite glad to be going.

When we had met their train they had worn the bright, excited look of people starting a holiday. But when we saw them off they had the serene air of people who are going home.

I suppose it takes 10 years to get the measure of London. In my 11 years there I guess have at last got a fairly well-balanced view. But there are still lots of things I loathe.

I am not actually scared any more by the size of the place. It takes time to realise that eight million decent people are no more a menace than eight hundred.

And I've almost grown out of regretting the absence of scenery. We English take scenery seriously. For years I resented the fact that I could not look out of the kitchen window right across the Severn Valley to the Marches of Wales.

Well, I had to get used to the fact that there is no scenery—nothing a Welshman or a Northerner would call scenery—within about a hundred miles of Marble Arch.

Adventurous types

But you cannot live on scenery. It is people that you live on. And I must say the people I meet in London are interesting enough for anybody.

Naturally, they are mainly provincial, like me, the more adventurous sort who always find their way to The Big Smoke: the continuous blood-transfusion a city must have if it is not to become as stale and dull as Birmingham.

Yes, I like the people. In fact, I want London to be a closed shop for people. We must get the animals out of the city: it is no place for them.

I loathe the scurrying stampede of hooves as a big cart horse tries to get a grip on the wet surface of a street that was never made for horse-shoes.

Have you ever seen a horse trying to turn from a side-street into a main stream of London traffic? Or completely closed-in in a traffic jam?

I admit freely that all the horses I see are wonderfully well cared for; but these are still terrible sights.

So what am I a-grumbling about? I'm a grumbling about the grub. Those limp "luncheon-meats" sandwiches: those horrible cakes: the monotonous standardisation of the food.

Now the French know how to cope with unpromising raw materials, and I reckon that by now we ought to have got used to the shortage of meat and dreamed up a few substitutes for the good old ham sandwich.

I'd like to see a great bowl of real salad on the snuck bar counter, and a bowl of whelks, and cockles, and cels, and muscels, and shrimps.

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The London I loathe

By
Maurice Wiggin

And a dog's life in London is rotten. Have you watched a loose dog trying to cross a busy road? But this brings us to something fundamental about London: the traffic. Everyone agrees that it is a disgrace. But whereas some people are trying to think of ways of speeding it up, I am after slowing it down.

What is the hurry? Speed is a monstrous folly. The basic cause of almost all accidents is speed. I am tired of jumping and dodging and running and being generally brow-beaten.

There are just two major divisions of Londoners: motorists and pedestrians. And the pedestrian has a miserable time.

As a motorist who has driven safely for 20 years I do not give a damn what the infuriating organisations say: I say 15 miles an hour is plenty fast enough.

You can count the dead, and the maimed: no one knows the number of nightmares, the feverish arithmetic of neuroses.

Now when I have run and jumped and dodged my way across a busy London street I feel like a nice cup of tea. So I look for a snack bar.

I am very fond of snack bars. Most pubs are dreary: I hate being waited on: so the snack bar is just the job for an easy-going gregarious chap who was brought up on the tea-pot.

And London is full of them.

Luncheon lament

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RUSSIA AND THE NEW CHINA

Far back in December Mao Tse-tung, the totalitarian head of Communist China, paid a visit to Moscow to take part in the celebration of Stalin's birthday, four days before Christmas.

He stayed on to negotiate with the Kremlin, and he is negotiating still, some weeks later.

The negotiations, if we could see the inside of them, might well have some humorous aspects. The Russian mode of diplomacy, as we have newly learned to know it, with its shifts, delays, pivolutions, cross-purposes, bland pretences, cynical lies, and countless red-herrings, is in reality neither new nor Russian; it is Asiatic and immemorially old.

peoples of Asia have a true picture of Asia and a true picture of Soviet Communism and a clear understanding of what each stands for. In a sense, we are thus on trial before the peoples of Asia.

Americans like red-blooded policies. There are none available in this period. There is little beyond pussyfooting to be done just now except in propaganda. It may be exasperating, but it is true just the same. The case for the West was never better—the facilities for direct influence on events never worse. They were made still worse by the impetuous decision to withdraw all the Consuls.

The provocation was acute. But the decision delighted those whose provocation was specifically directed to this end. The British decision went the other way, and we are convinced it was a better decision. It was better morally, however slow practical results may come. And it was better politically, for all the taunts about loaded godowns in Hong Kong. It is probable Mr. Acheson thinks so too, but he has been badgered into defensive tactics when others would have given more promise.

Happily, a stronger line in South East Asia seems to be foreshadowed in Dr. Jessup's statements. In Singapore, he suggested that the United States might give military as well as economic and political aid to help the peoples of that area to resist Communism. That is certainly a lot better than intervention in China, or looking to Japan as the potential saviour of Asia.

It flourished in the nineteenth century all the way from Turkey to Japan. But its birthplace, so far as it had one in particular, was China; and it has never been carried to greater perfection elsewhere. A Russo-Chinese negotiation, if for those reasons alone, would be likely to be protracted.

Border satellites

But there is probably more than that in the present delays. The Russians are trying to do in the Far East what they have done in Europe—to make satellites of the border countries.

These are the four: Manchuria, Inner Mongolia, Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang. If Moscow succeeds, it will very greatly extend and strengthen its empire over Northern Asia, and deprive China of the protection of a chain of vast buffer regions.

The most important is Manchuria. While the Manchu emperors ruled in Peking, it was barred to Chinese settlement, and almost as thinly populated as the desert areas in the other three regions.

But since then a flood of Chinese settlers has exploited its great agricultural and mineral resources. It now contains between a fifth and a tenth of the population of China, and a still larger proportion of its natural wealth.

The other three regions—each of enormous extent—are backward and sparsely populated.

The two Mongolias include the Gobi Desert, which is an Asiatic Sahara. Sinkiang, which lies between Russia and Northern Tibet and shares its Western frontier with Kashmir, consists largely of mountain ranges, some probably metalliferous, but as yet imperfectly explored.

Politically, Inner Mongolia is constituted as a part of China—three provinces. Sinkiang is a Chinese dependency. Outer Mongolia is a buffer state formerly under Chinese but now under Russian control. Manchuria, under the treaty of 1945 made between the Governments of Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek, is a part of China in which Russia enjoys wide controls over railways and ports.

After using the Chinese Communists to expel Chiang Kai-shek's army and government from Manchuria, Russia has now taken advantage of the vacuum created to bring the whole region (including the Iron Curtain) and in working not obscurely, towards its incorporation in Asiatic Russia.

This can hardly fail to be one of the chief subjects engaging Mao Tse-tung at Moscow: for, he has the present tendencies (take their course) he will stand before the world the loss of this great heritage to China.

By
Scrutator

The pattern of Russian imperialism is well seen in Outer Mongolia. It is ruled by a "Mongolian People's Republic," which is a collection of Mongol puppets hired and installed by the Russians. The technique is the same as was used by the Japanese in "Manchukuo."

The "Republic" has no diplomatic relations with any foreign Power but Russia, no trade with any country but Russia; and by special treaty it permits Russia to keep troops on its territory. Yet it is "independent" much as is Europe, Poland or Rumania is. As in those cases, the key to the whole process has been the stationing of Soviet troops in the area; and it is significant that the Soviet is now demanding the right to do this also in Sinkiang.

There the Chinese control remained till recently in the hands of Chiang Kai-shek's following; but a week ago Peking Radio reported the penetration of a Communist vanguard to within 200 miles of the Kashmir border.

This aggressive activity of Russia in Asia shows no features very different from her aggressions in Europe. It is remarkable that she can pursue them simultaneously, with over 5,000,000 men under arms, her military side presents little difficulty.

By contrast, the control of China herself will be a much harder problem. The example of the Japanese has just shown that she can stand out for relatively favourable terms—terms difficult to harmonise with those allowed to others.

Presumably it is for such terms that Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai are striving at Moscow. Apart from the territorial questions of trade is vital. China must have capital goods, and Russia cannot supply them.

But it is also a struggle to see what about the other satellites.

The remarkable Westerling

By a special correspondent

Once again the Far East has thrown up a mysterious figure, flitting through the Javanese jungle on to the front pages of the world's newspapers.

Those of us who knew Westerling—most of us in those days of five years ago he was Captain Raymond P. P. Westerling, and we never found out what the "P.P." stood for—the news of his fighting in Java meant only one thing—Westerling.

It's all completely in character—the methods, the mystery, and the audacity—that is Westerling to the life.

When we occupied Sumatra in 1945 Raymond Westerling was already there. He had dropped with the Japanese "Volunteer" boys of Force 135, the body of men of all races who went in first to establish resistance movements.

Had spy team

The first day I met him I knew that here was, perhaps, the most astonishing man I was ever to meet. I found that although he had only been in the island for two months and had never before been in the Netherlands East Indies he had organised an intelligence service which blanketed the 1,000-mile island. And for a stranger that takes some doing. Nothing that happened in Sumatra was missed by him; he knew about it within a few hours.

Westerling had been trained in Britain—in the Wolverhampton district—with the Dutch forces. He had served as a Commando.

He is not an easy man to describe: with his powerfully cut and almost ugly features and his tough physique he looks as if he were the original Bulldog Drummond was visualised.

He is five feet seven or eight inches tall and almost triangular, with broad shoulders tapering to his feet. His arms hang down like a monkey's and they are the most muscular arms I've ever seen. He has a long nose and extraordinarily white teeth ready to flash in a smile that lights his dark face.

Naturally the girls are crazy about him and though I've never known him to act other than correctly to a woman he is fond enough of their company. All his clerks during my time were good-looking, hand-picked girls.

He told me he was half Dutch and half Turkish, which I suppose, account for his new nickname "Turco."

Head in a basket

I remember one morning going to his bungalow after we'd been told that the murders of innocent people in Medan had to be stopped.

We drank our coffee and as we did Westerling said: "I think we'll see a drop in the murders from now on. Look at this."

He kicked aside the wastepaper basket, plunged his hand into it and pulled out the hair of a severed human head.

It was the head of one of the terrorist leaders. He told me how he got it.

"My intelligence service tracked him down in less than two hours," he said. "Dressed as a native, I got into his house and slipped a mask over my face. I stood in one corner of the room. He came in and walked round without seeing me. Suddenly he turned and, spotting me, froze with fright."

"It was simple. I merely took him by the hand and told him this was to be his last night. I offered him anything he wanted for his last meal."

He rarely talked to anyone about his private life. He was always slightly secretive, but he did confide in me that he'd married an English girl while he was training in the Midlands. The marriage did not last, though there was one small daughter. He would not tell me where his wife lived. "That's all over," he said.

When we left Java Westerling had severed all connection with the British forces and had been reabsorbed into the Dutch Army.

This astonishing man, who speaks Dutch, French, English, Turkish, and Malay fluently, told me his life's ambition "as we put it" was to become a half-make it.

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SHANGHAI RESIDENTS PROTEST AIR RAIDS

United Nations asked to prevent bombings "WIDESPREAD DISASTER"

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 10. GROUPS OF PROMINENT CITIZENS IN SHANGHAI HAVE APPEALED TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO STOP THE BOMBING OF SHANGHAI BY CHINESE NATIONALIST PLANES, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT RELEASED TODAY BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT.

In a cable to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, associations of Chinese and European residents recorded that Nationalist bombing had reduced the city's water supply to one-quarter of its normal capacity.

The cable said that last Monday's bombing had imperilled the lives of thousands of people and had taken the lives of hundreds.

LABOUR ACCUSES CHURCHILL

London, February 10. The Labour Party last night accused the Tory leader, Winston Churchill, of trying to bribe the electorate and buy votes with his promise to give to give car owners at least a bigger petrol ration.

"Churchillian rubbish" was the epithet used by Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary of the Treasury, to describe Mr. Churchill's promise in Plymouth.

The campaign entered its second week with temperatures rising, exchanges getting more violent, and hecklers increasing the intensity of the campaign to take the measure of opposition speakers.

A high Conservative Party source ruled out all possibility of a landslide for anyone in the February 23 election. But he predicted a victory for the Conservatives on the basis of last-minute reports from all 625 parliamentary constituencies.

The Labour leader, Clement Attlee, at Liverpool denounced Mr. Churchill's petrol promise as just election window-dressing to catch a few votes. He said more petrol would mean less food and less raw materials.

The Health Minister, Aneurin Bevan, at Liverpool referred to Mr. Churchill and his petro promise as "good old Winston" who cannot separate a fool from his folly.

Mr. Bevan is sure of a Labour victory in the elections.

When reminded that Australia and New Zealand had just rejected their Socialist Government after a long trial, Mr. Bevan said firmly: "Britain does not follow the world. Britain leads the world."—United Press.

Israel and Egypt may hold talks

Cairo, February 10. Mustafa Nosrat Bey, Egyptian Minister of War, today denied a statement attributed to him that a meeting of Egyptian and Israeli representatives, planned for February 23, will be held for Palestine peace talks.

Nosrat Bey, stated last night that Egyptian and Israeli representatives would meet in the presence of United Nations officials and foreign observers.

There is no indication of what questions are to be discussed though Nosrat Bey has stated: "If we can reach an agreement, well and good. If not, Egypt will take the case to the United Nations."

"The armistice between Egypt and Israel remains in force. There has been no provocative action by the Jews."

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli Foreign Office spokesman told Reuters that Israel had not been informed, either by the United Nations or the Egyptian Government, about the talks.

Asked about the statement by Mustafa Nosrat Bey, the spokesman said: "We have gone on record many times that we are ready to open relations with the Arab States. This naturally included Egypt."—Reuters.

Canadian tribute to Hong Kong

Ottawa, February 10. Mr. L. B. Pearson, the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, who was in Hong Kong recently, was much impressed by the atmosphere of optimism he found there.

In fact, he described himself as having been amazed at this atmosphere of optimism.

He referred to Hong Kong during a Press conference today, and said, "Despite the fact that more people than there are in New Zealand are living in that tiny Colony, there is real buoyancy there."

Mr. Pearson visited Hong Kong after attending the Commonwealth Conference which was held in Colombo recently.—Reuters.

AUSTRALIA VISIT BY THE KING?

Ottawa, February 10.

The hope that the King and Queen, with Princess Margaret, will visit Australia in 1951 was expressed today by Mrs. F. M. Forde, wife of the Australian High Commissioner to Canada.

Speaking at a fashion show here, she said that her country hopes it may prove possible for Their Majesties to pay the visit to Australia which had to be postponed owing to the King's illness.

In London, Buckingham Palace sources said they know of no plan for the King and Queen to visit Australia in 1951.

"We have no idea of when they will make the postponed visit," they said.

The Royal tour was planned originally for late 1949. It was put off because of an operation on the King.

Other sources close to the Palace said it would be difficult for the King and Queen to leave England in 1951 for any length of time because Britain is holding a national festival that year which will most likely require their presence.—Associated Press.

"Russia a going concern"

New York, February 10.

Soviet industrialisation has rolled ahead with gathering momentum since the war and Soviet industry today is far more diversified and better equipped technically than ever before, says Edmund Stevens, until recently the "Christian Science Monitor's" Moscow correspondent.

Any realistic approach to understanding Russia must be based upon the condition that the Soviet Union is a going concern and no mere visionary attempt to Utopia.

Stevens, however, said the Soviet system, he said, will not collapse because of unworkability. "The lower efficiency standards of Soviet performance are to some extent neutralised by the fact that under the Soviet co-

Terrorist band creates trouble in Saigon

Saigon, February 10.

Six were injured and a Government building was burned on Thursday night in an uprising of a terrorist band said to be followers of rebel Ho Chi-min.

Nine grenades were thrown in different quarters of the city. French troops opened mortar fire on the terrorists.

The Ho government has been recognised by Communist China, the Soviet Union and Soviet satellites.

French sources said Ho's followers are trying to frighten Indo-Chinese and prevent any large scale support of the French-sponsored Government of Bao Dai.

Meanwhile, the Vietnamese radio, mouthpiece of Ho's regime, hinted that Communism's ultimate aim is to capture Hong Kong and Malaya.

In a broadcast to the Vietnamese, the radio said, "Indo-China is the keystone of the imperialist barrier intended to halt the forces of liberation on the day they will sweep through Asia against Hong Kong and Singapore."

The broadcast also said the United States cannot defend the Philippines against rebels active there.

At Phnom-Penh, the King of Cambodia received a message from President Harry Truman, urging that the two countries exchange diplomatic representatives.

The United States has recognised Cambodia and Vietnam, as well as the State of Laos in North Western Indo-China, as independent members of the French Union.

Note to Bao

A formal note from President Truman recognizing Vietnam, headed by former Emperor Bao Dai, was received on Thursday.

The note was delivered to Bao Dai by Mr. Edmund Gullion, new American Consul-General, who arrived by plane from Washington.

In his message, the President expressed the hope there will be an exchange of diplomatic representatives between the United States and the Vietnam state. It is believed Mr. Gullion may become Ambassador or Minister, if an American Embassy or Legation is opened here.

British and American recognition of Bao Dai, political observers here believe, will more than offset the recent recognition by Russia of the rival rebel Ho Chi-minh regime, a Nationalist group fighting both Bao Dai and the French.

The French High Commissioner, Mr. Leon Pignon, prepared to leave for Paris to confer with the Premier, Georges Bidault, on the situation in Indo-China. It is understood that he intends to discuss the possibility of a Chinese Communist attack from the North.—Associated Press.

economic planning, some of the waste and duplication of competitive economy are eliminated," his report points out.

The unlimited pool of regimented labour, plus elimination of unemployment and crises of over-production, has given the Soviet centralised control system an edge on the free economy of capitalism, the reporter asserted.—Associated Press.

PRELATE ON HOUR OF DOOM

York, February 10.

The Archbishop of York demanded today that Britain try again for an international A-bomb agreement before the hour of doom begins to strike.

The initiative should be taken on the highest level by whatever Government rules in Britain after the General Election, the Archbishop, Dr. Cyril Garbett, said in a Rotary Club address.

"We have more to lose and to gain than the U.S.A.," he said. "There must be no delay."

"Unless the deadlock is broken the strain will become unendurable. Fear, hate or the impossibility of keeping up in the armaments race will drive some nation to use its bombs treacherously and suddenly in the hope of victory. Retaliation will follow and the world will soon be covered with ruins, with the corpses of millions slain and with tens of millions of terrified men and women, destitute and starving."—Associated Press.

ARABS RATTLE THE SABRE

Beirut, February 10.

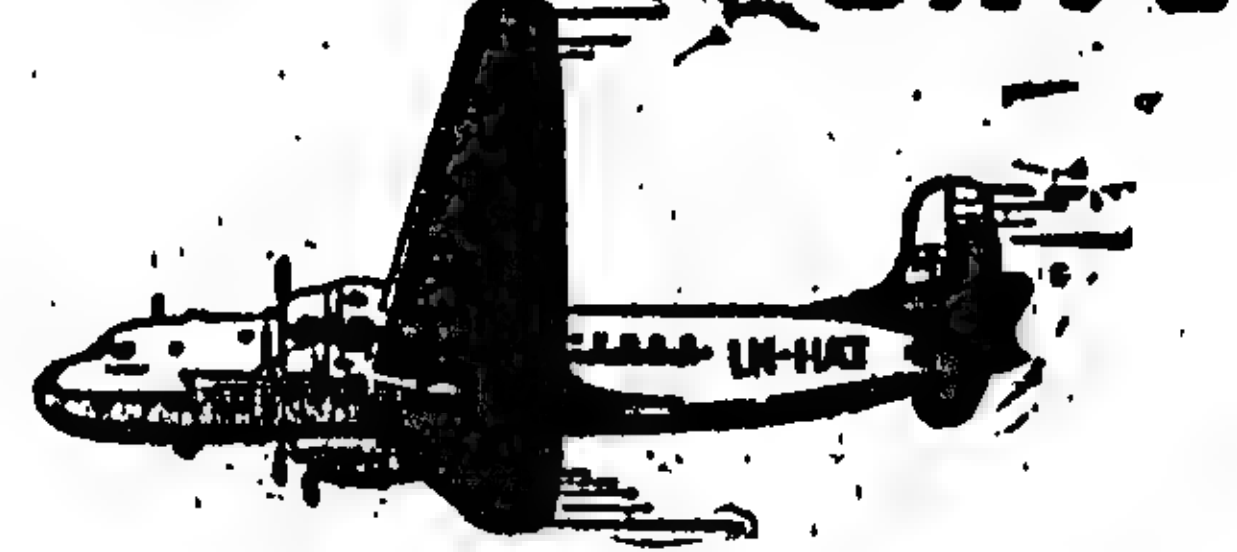
Arab refugees from Palestine were called to a meeting to hear officers of the "Liberation Army" discuss the methods to "free" Palestine from the present catastrophe. It was reported in Beirut today.

The officers insisted on the resumption of hostilities to the last man, the reports said, adding that a secret meeting followed at which undisclosed resolutions were taken.

A telegram was said to have been sent to President Faysel El Khoury of Syria, saying, "Nothing can rescue the Arabs from their fearful situation except serious action."

Another telegram to the Egyptian Premier, Nahas Pasha, and to the Mufti Hussein and Azzam Pasha urged King Farouk in the "names of the sacred warriors" to provide the refugees with adequate means to "resume the sacred war to liberate Palestine," the reports added.—Associated Press.

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SERIOUS RIOTS IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, February 10.

New stabbings, brick-battings, bombings, shootings and robberies were reported today in the aftermath of the outbreak of Hindu-Muslim violence.

The police said they had everything under control, but extended the dawn to dusk curfew for another 24 hours.

SENATOR AFRAID TO TALK

Washington, February 10. Senator Brian McMahon told reporters today that he cannot give even a hint of the costs of the H-bomb project because every word he says is sent to the Soviet Union by the Tass news agency.

After a closed meeting of his Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, Mr. McMahon indicated that the President will not ask for any new money for the H-bomb project, but he declined to give any hint of the ultimate cost of building the bomb.

"I couldn't tell you," he said. "We have a representative here of a news agency that transmits every word I say to the Soviet Union." The news conference was attended by John Montgomery who is listed in the Congressional Directory as representing the "Tass Telegraphic Agency of the USSR." A few days ago Senator McMahon abruptly ended a Press conference because it was attended by a correspondent for the Communist "Daily Worker."

Today's conference was held after Mr. McMahon's Committee met in closed session with members of the Atomic Energy Commission. Senator McMahon said the Committee discussed a number of questions with the AEC men including the case of Dr. Klaus Fuchs. The Committee has known of Dr. Fuchs' confession for a week but does not have an actual copy, he said, adding that the FBI Director, Edgar Hoover, had promised to keep the Committee informed of all developments in the case.

The Senate Democratic leader, Scott Ladd, said today that the H-bomb production will not interfere with continued efforts to speed the development of atomic energy for peacetime uses.

He told a radio audience that President Truman had no alternative to ordering the bomb production. "But I believe there are good reasons for hope even in the terrible situation we face today. I do not think the communists in the Kremlin will risk the collaboration of Russian cities and the Russian people," United Press.

IKE FAVOURS H-BOMB

New York, February 10. General Dwight Eisenhower, wartime Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, said here that the United States should manufacture the hydrogen bomb.

"To do otherwise would be burying our heads in the sand," he said in a speech last night. General Eisenhower is now President of Columbia University.

EDUCATION WEEK IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, February 10. Singapore will have an education week from May 8-12, the first in this colony's history.

The object is to stimulate parents' interest in what is going on in schools and what to expect in the future. Mr. A.W. Frisby, Director of Education, announced.

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Reports of rioting in the Northern and North Eastern sections of Calcutta continued to stream in.

With Indo-Pakistani relations already at straining point, the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, expressed his belief that the riots in Calcutta and West Bengal stemmed from Moslem oppression of Hindus in the Pakistani province of East Bengal.

He appealed to Indians not to fall prey to communal passion and retaliation.

Informal sources said the Indian Government had protested to Pakistan against the loss of life, property and honour among the Hindus of East Bengal. Casualties in the Calcutta fighting could not be estimated.

Flee to safety

If rioting was in the same pattern in 1947, when bodies were found in the rivers or cremated, there might never be an accurate toll.

Hindus and Moslems fled to safety today from bombs that had blasted and set fire to their homes in sections where they were in the minority.

Many who could not find a place to sleep camped in public parks and vacant plots. The main railway station was jammed with refugees trying to find refuge in Eastern Pakistan.

The centre of Calcutta was quiet, but many shops were closed and the usually bustling streets deserted.

Europeans and other non-Indians so far have not been involved in the Calcutta rioting and generally carry on business as usual.—United Press.

INDIAN CHIEF'S THREAT

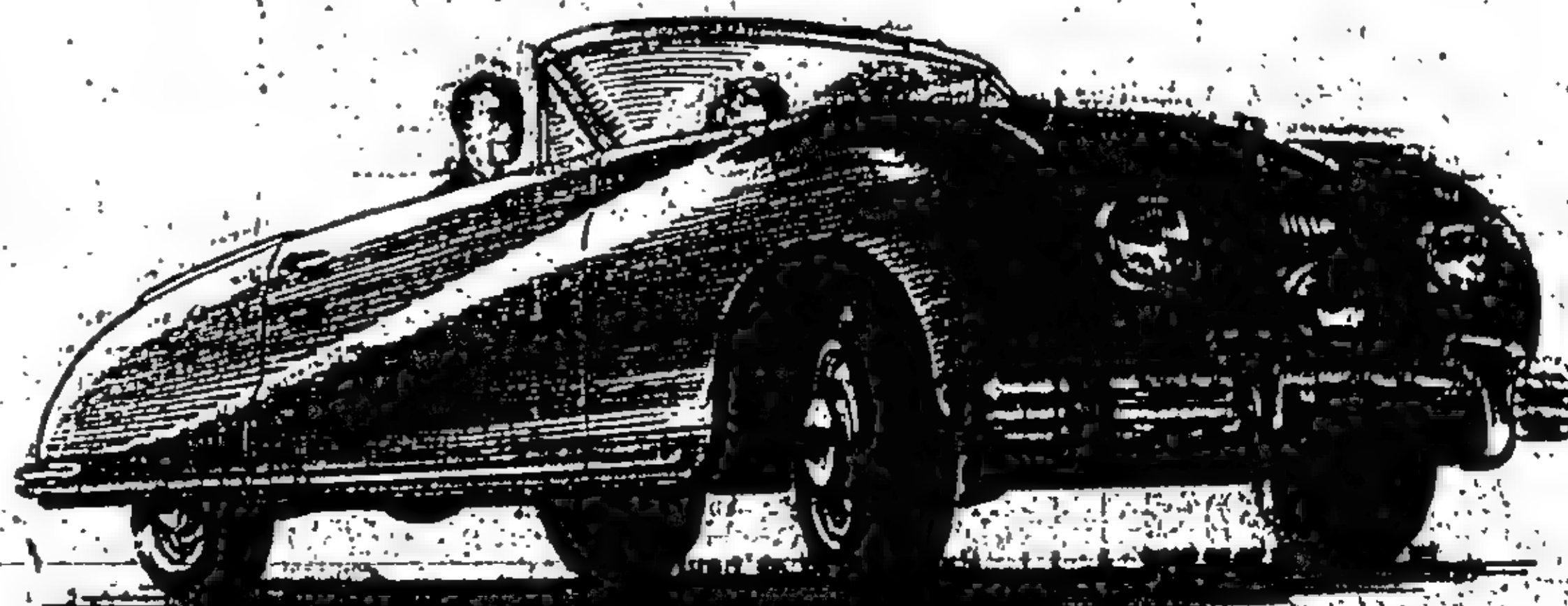
Huron Village, February 10. Colourful Jules Siou, self-styled chief of the North American Indian movement, today demanded that the Prime Minister, Louis St. Laurent, confess to enslavement of the Indians.

Unless the Canadian Prime Minister signs the confession and promises to liberate Indians from enslavement, Siou will conduct a Gandhi-like hunger strike on February 22.

Siou delivered his ultimatum to Mr. St. Laurent by registered mail. He said he had demanded that the Prime Minister visit his so-called headquarters in this Quebec village and sign on the dotted line. Meanwhile, copies of the prepared confession statement are ready to be sent to all members of Parliament, the United Nations and other world organizations, he said.

Siou's ultimatum contained a list of accusations against the big white chief, including "enslaving of Indians, who are the rightful owners of the land and waters of Canada; violation of the right of property in taking over the land of the Indians and in beating them to death, while men have subjugated, silenced and sent my people to die slowly and

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NEUTRALITY PROBLEM BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO JAPAN PEACE TREATY

Tokyo, February 11.

One of the biggest obstacles to the Japanese peace treaty is the problem of insuring the neutrality of this nation which has renounced war and whose new constitution states that she will have no military machine.

When the Americans speak of keeping Japan neutral, they mean keeping Japan out of Russia's sphere of influence.

Russian statements and actions indicate that she interprets a neutral Japan as being a Japan not under American influence.

The problem is to find a solution that suits both sides in the East-West cold war which is proving more and more intense here in the Far East.

Obviously this is not going to be an easy job for the diplomats when the peace talks occur, and General MacArthur has told visitors that he has no definite suggestion to put forth.

"I am certain of one thing," General MacArthur has been quoted as saying, "I am certain that both Russia and the United States will have one point in common at the treaty conference. That is mutual desire and agreement that Japan shall not be permitted armed forces in the future."

General MacArthur believes that Japan must build her new place in the world as a neutral nation, without arms or a desire to fight, and a nation whose neutrality is respected by other powers.

Strategical point

He believes that the money which formerly went into Japan's military machine must be used

in misery in unlivable reserves.

Siou, who started the one-man movement in October 1943, was recently charged with sedition and rebellion against the Crown. "I will go on with my rebellion against the Crown," he declared. "I will go on hunger strike to obtain the liberation of my nation from the oppression of the men who have dominated us for centuries."—United Press.

UN role

Four believe the United States will overtake Japan as long as the threat of Communist aggression in Asia remains. Still fewer believe the United States would agree to Russia serving as the protector of Japan's neutrality.

Some quarters here think that the United Nations may eventually play a role in solving the problem, if there ever is evolved an effective way for that international body to enforce its decisions.

However, even the question of what nations will attend the peace conference is one that presents problems. The U.S. wants all 11 nations represented on the Far Eastern Commission to participate on a no-veto basis. Russia wants it to be the Big Four of the Pacific—which now claims includes Communist China.

All things considered, observers here believe that the Japanese peace conference will not be held soon.—United Press.

Avalanche disaster in French Alps

Paris, February 10.

Nine people, including a child, were killed when two mountain huts were swept away by an avalanche at Tignes in the French Alps today.

Five dead bodies—three of them women—and two children, were dug out by rescue workers.

Deep snow is hindering rescue work and there is risk of new falls.

Workers from the Tignes dam and mobile police are tonight trying to dig out the snow-covered road from Bourg St. Maurice to Tignes.—Reuter.

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THE CASE OF THE VANISHED AMERICAN HEIRESS

I have just received a greeting card from an American millionaire's daughter. It came by North Atlantic airmail, a gilt-encrusted painting on blue silk, with a faint perfume from the Champs Elysees.

I remember so well the girl who sent it. We met in London 12 years ago when she was just 17. She was a pretty little creature, slender, and slight, with dark hair and eyes of that unusual deep blue known to the Irish as "bog-shadow".

She spoiled my Christmas dinner that year. But it was a birthday, well, sacrificed. For it helped to prevent her spoiling her own life.

Her millionaire father, Mr. Robert G. Seedan, had begun 30 years before making pills as a drug-store assistant. By the time his daughter Marita was 17, he had built up a chemical manufacturing corporation which was a 20,000,000-dollar enterprise—and he had no other heir.

That same winter of 1917 Mr. Seedan brought Marita to England. A business trip for him. A shopping excursion for her.

The Count with the polite yawn

Most of the five days in the Mauritania Mr. Seedan paid the penalty of millionaires—was isolated in his cabin with two male secretaries, three stenographers, a flurry of cables and radio-telephone calls to London, New York, Chicago, Paris.

But young Marita found a companion. His shrewd brown eyes fell upon her thoughtfully within a few minutes of studying the passenger list. Count Antonio Renaldo Grandini—"Call me Tony, please."

"You snave Count sweet Marita off her feet. Before the end of the voyage she told him her father's plans. They were to spend Christmas in London, then go to Cannes for a month."

"Ah—Cannes, eh?" Count Grandini politely stangled a yawn. "My family abandoned their chateau at Cannes several years ago." He smiled charmingly.

"Frankly, the place was getting too crowded." He was about 35, and there were grey streaks in his oiled black hair.

They arranged to meet in London. Marita's father had taken four suites at a famous West End hotel for his entourage of secretaries and confidential stenographers.

After the first week in London, Mr. Robert Seedan raised his head from the cares of his pharmaceutical empire to realize that it was 2 a.m. and his young daughter not returned.

Marita came in, bit giggle with unaccustomed champagne. She was piqued when her father said, "This Count, friend of yours, honey—invite him to lunch—I want to meet him."

Mr. Seedan, who was a grave and careful business man, took time in reaching his own shrewd worldly opinion upon Count Grandini. He drew that worthy suitor into a private corner.

"The fact is," he said, "Marita is less than 20 years old. I don't know you're just being nice to the kid—but she takes it too seriously."

"Ah—but so do I!" protested the Count. The millionaire's grey eyes raked him.

"In that case," he said grimly, "I think you'd better not see any more of her until she's at least 21."

That afternoon Mr. Seedan had a real blazing argument with his daughter over her friendship with the Count.

"I love him," wrote the heiress.

Next day he said: "Look, honey, go do some Christmas shopping. It'll make you feel better." He was quite surprised when she agreed.

She did not return for lunch. In the early afternoon a messenger delivered a sealed envelope to the hotel for Mr. Robert G. Seedan. It was from his daughter.

"Dear Pop—It's no use. I love him—the Count—mean, Tony—and we are going away together, and please do not worry. Pop, do not worry. I shall be."

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all right, perfectly. I mean, as we are to be married. I will telephone you to-night. Yours lovingly, Marita."

About 10 minutes later a glittering black-and-lan Daimler limousine, lengthily as a Thames Embankment tram, halted silently outside Marlborough street Police Station.

Then into my office came Mr. Robert G. Seedan. He told me about his vanished daughter and the mysterious Count Grandini.

By Supt. Robert Fabian

He showed me the note from Marita.

"Where was the Count staying?" I asked.

"About a week ago," he replied, "my chauffeur dropped this Count Grandini at a block of flats near Belgrave-square."

The clue of the shabby shoes

While Mr. Seedan went back to his quartet of 10-guineas-a-day suites to await his daughter's promised phone message, I went to look at the flats the chauffeur had indicated.

I explained who I was and the manager allowed me to see Count Grandini's suite.

It was a tiny flat. A lounge, bed in curtained alcove, and separate bathroom. Bachelor quarters that might well have suited a nobleman of quiet taste.

But somehow I was suspicious of the Count's tastes. I had a look inside his wardrobe. There were only two outfits, a lounge suit and evening clothes.

His cabin trunk, beneath the bed, was of a shoddy fibre, with tin lock. Also under the bed was a pair of shoes, recently worn, as the mud splashes upon them indicated.

You can tell much about a man from his shoes. Not merely that they were noticeably down-at-heel, but also they had never been polished underneath between the sole and heel. Therefore, the shoes had never been cleaned by a valet, nor the boot-black of an exclusive hotel.

There was a little heap of confetti's empty paper bags in a dressing-table drawer, and a small, crumpled, cake remnant. The Count had been saving money on meals.

His book on etiquette

Then I found a cheap, paper-backed booklet on "Etiquette. Specimen Letters and Modes of Address in Polite Society."

Ruthlessly, we searched his writing-desk. The blotter had been used recently. I held it to a mirror, picked out a fragment of a sentence: "My dear G. G. . . . your share not . . . gotten."

It was all too clear that young Marita had been virtually abducted by a penniless bonster. I reported back to her father.

His tired face seemed to go a shade sadder.

"Nothing to show where they've gone?" he asked. "Not unless it's Gretna Green!" I said.

"Then, the phone rang. He snatched it. Then he looked up at me quickly. It was his daughter. 'But, Marita, honey—where are you—I know, but—no, listen—'

She hadn't listened. She had rung off. "She said she was all right, not to worry, and when next I see her she will be a real live Countess—and that's all," the millionaire said, huskily.

"Did you get that caller's number?" I asked the switchboard.

The operator was apologetic. "The caller wouldn't give it, sir—but the call came through Dumfries Exchange."

"So it IS Gretna Green!" I said. I drove to Croydon with Mr. Seedan. He stalked into the office of a well-known airline, booked a plane for Scotland.

I watched the little plane roar into its take-off. Then I sent a telephone message to the local police.

"We are investigating a case of alleged abduction of an American girl named Marita Seedan, aged 17, 5 ft. 2 in., good-looking, hair dark, eyes blue, complexion pale. Girl has been associating with Italian known as Count Roberto Renaldo Grandini, aged 35, 5 ft. 5 in., complexion swarthy, hair dark brown, eyes dark . . . They may stay at hotel vicinity Gretna Green and give false names where action may be possible under Aliens Order 1920, or may give false particulars in an effort to marry. . . . Will you please make every effort locate these persons and prevent marriage taking place until girl has seen her father, who is now flying to Dumfries?"

I got home that evening just in time to see my 10-year-old son to bed. He was excited, although a resolute disbeliever in Santa Claus. "I'm going to smear some stuff on the bedrill," he said.

"Then I'll get his fingerprints and see who it REALLY is!"

Soon he was asleep. Shortly before midnight so was I. But beyond the snowdrift Scottish border there were others not so blissful. Mr. Seedan has arrived at an hotel, a few miles from Dumfries, to which the local police had traced the runaway couple.

There, in the register, was his daughter's name—and a flourishing "Count Roberto Grandini." They had booked separate rooms on separate floors of the hotel.

Mr. Seedan went up to the Count's room, listened and heard the rise and fall of a snore. He tip-toed to his daughter's room. The door was locked.

As he tried the handle, he heard a faint little sob of apprehension. A shaky, fearful voice asked: "What—what d'you want?"

"It's only Santa Claus, honey!" the multi-millionaire said softly.

Meanwhile, taking advantage of the Health Ministry's indecision, the Social Administration authorities are now launching an all-out attack not only on "cold" perms, but also on the use of tar pigments in lipsticks, which, they say, are almost as dangerous as the "cold" perms.

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Glamour has gone from the gold rush

By Geoffrey Jenkins

A race to be the Johannesburg of the future, to raise skyscrapers, stations, airports, and roads out of the long flat plains which stretch away endlessly in the distance, is taking place between three towns in the Orange Free State.

The towns, which owe their being to a fabulous gold strike and an equally fabulous boom on the London and Johannesburg stock markets are Welkom, St. Helena, and Odendaalsrus. They are now starting to become towns in the ordinary sense of the word instead of a cluster of prefabricated huts nestled round a steel-tracked drilling derrick.

South African, Scots, Indians and Englishmen have, just as in the days of the first Johannesburg, thrown their weight into building a new Golden City.

But it seems that modern 20th Century methods of building boom towns, if more scientific, at least take away the glamour of a gold strike.

Whereas in old Johannesburg men threw down their gold on bar counters and lost and won fortunes at the turn of a dice, Odendaalsrus has brought in a new sense of the word instead of a cluster of prefabricated huts nestled round a steel-tracked drilling derrick.

Only hardship

In old Johannesburg men threw up shanties of corrugated iron or reported a marble palace for their mistresses, they fought, they lived and died, but the only hardship in the new gold towns is that the men who build the houses—many of them unable to get work in Pretoria or Johannesburg because of the present unemployment situation—sleep in blankets in the houses they are building.

They tell you it is not in the least bit glamorous, and look forward to the week-ends when the Government pays part of their rail fare back to the Witwatersrand.

Of the three in the race, each planned to have a population of 100,000. Odendaalsrus forms the centre.

Although great progress has been made since the race began 18 months ago, it seems that only the surface of the great dusty plains has been scratched by developments.

One only has to drive a few miles to the North towards the Vaal River and its great pipeline scheme to get once again into the land of flatness, broken here and there by a solitary farmhouse and windmill.

Here and there along the rivers lies an occasional Boer War grave, and sometimes the pathetic "Here lies an unknown British soldier."

From the only point which rises above the flatness, the Strange Kopie Allen (Only Hill), one looks out in a great ar of a dozen miles and sees the drilling derricks with their solitary

lary wisps of smoke, and the regular rows of houses of the new towns.

The deep roar of blasting is heard, and the ground trembles as the mine shafts are driven deeper towards the gold. It will have to be mined here deeper than on the Witwatersrand, and the depths are likely to set mining engineers a whole new range of problems.

The three towns probably have fewer than 10,000 people in all at present, but the aspect of the place has not lost its rusticity, for modern mine offices stand close to meagre lands, new roads intersect the wide, rows of electric pylons stand waiting for their overhead wires, and concrete telegraph poles without their cross-arms have a bold, yet promising air.

There are no skyscrapers yet, nor are any planned immediately, but modern centrally-heated blocks have been erected to house mine natives, and air conditioning will rob the veil of much of its shimmering heat.

First airport

Welkom has taken the lead in getting the first airport, to which a regular service is now being run from the Rand. A £25,000 abattoir is being built, and other aspects of an organised community, such as a dairy, are taking shape. It is, indeed, the task of starting a civilised community from the very ground floor out here in the Free State.

Odendaalsrus and its town planner have provided more than 1,200 acres for industrial sites, and to the North-East, between the station and the town, will be situated first the heavy industries, then the lighter, and a completely new commercial, business and residential centre is under construction.

Over the whole of the 1,500 acres of this area there is a bustling activity, concrete mixers chugging, houses, shops and offices at all stages of development.

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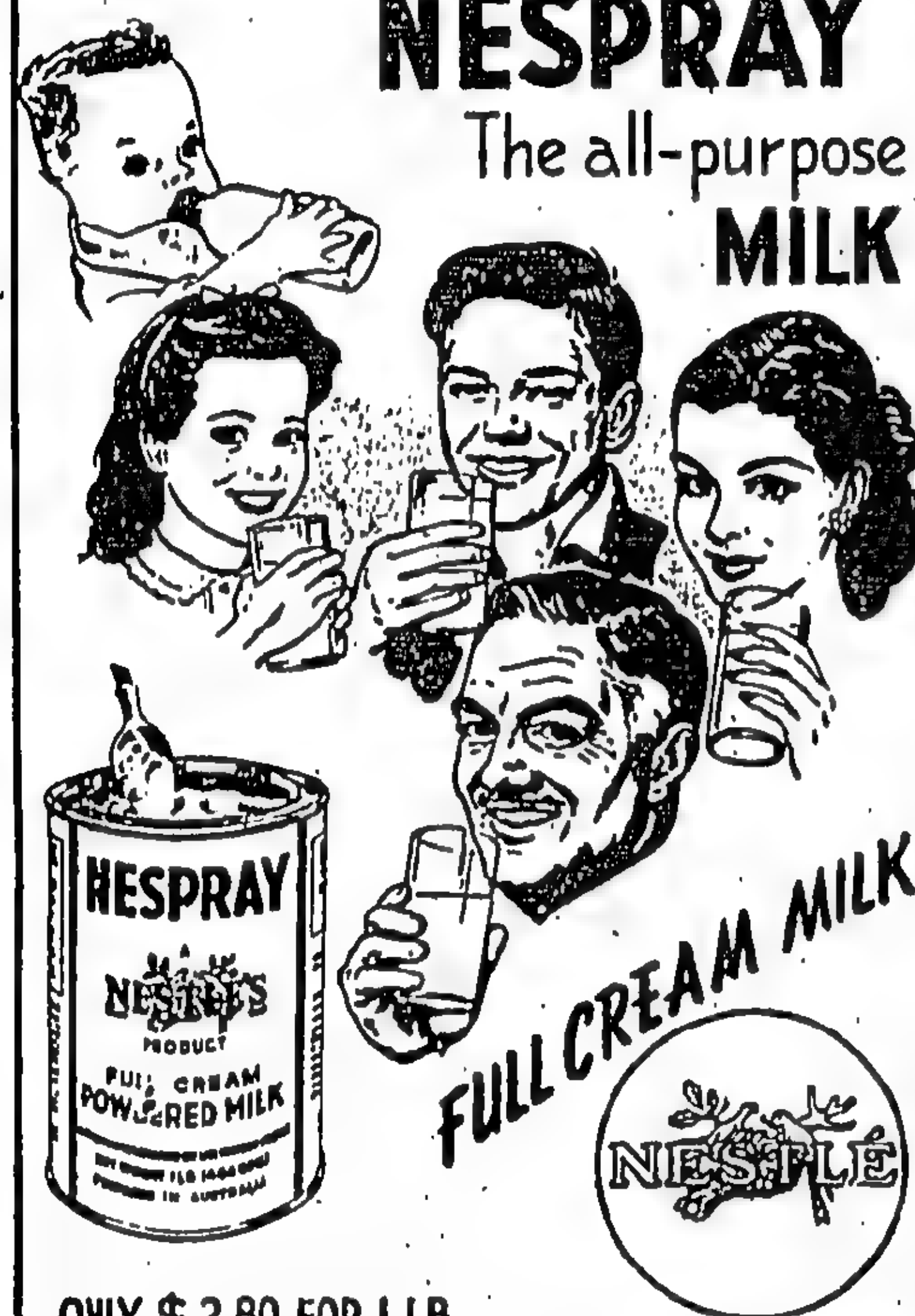
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Strong majority needed

By all the tokens, the Conservatives have a good chance of winning the General Election. Lord Woolton, chairman of the Conservative Party organisation and his experts and also independent assessors are satisfied about this.

Merely to win will not be enough. If the Conservatives are to be effective in the administration of this country for the next five years, and if they are not only going to clear up the mess but to carry out the constructive policy Mr. Churchill indicated in his broadcast, they will need and must be given a working majority.

The tasks are stupendous—the re-establishment of British prestige in the world, the restoration of her economic position, and of reasonable freedom for trade and industry. These cannot be faced if Mr. Churchill and his Cabinet colleagues are to be kept on tenterhooks about their Parliamentary majority. I ought to add that the Conservative experts who have taken all possible steps to gauge the state of feeling throughout the country are satisfied that Mr. Churchill has the prospect of a working majority, despite the fact that many of the new seats under redistribution are an incalculable factor.

At least 20 or 30 of the new seats may be won by the Conservatives. Though the Socialists held their own in the by-elections, the startling drop in their votes has to be taken in conjunction with the statement of a leading Socialist spokesman that Mr. Churchill will wipe out their majority.

This is the road

In the judgment of the Conservatives and of unbiased observers who have read the Conservative manifesto it is a practical document and the answer to those Socialists who in Parliament and on the platforms have been asking, "Where is the Conservative policy?" The manifesto, "This is the road" is liked because it is so essentially constructive and clearly indicating the Conservative attitude on a wide range of questions, devoted little space to the disastrous record and failures of the Socialists in office.

The full story of those five tragic years of Socialist administration will be a more appropriate theme for platform treatment. Lord Woolton, chairman of the party organisation, has found it necessary to give the lie to Socialist misrepresentations regarding this manifesto. Socialist spokesmen have suggested that the differences have existed between Mr. Churchill and Lord Woolton, between Mr. R. A. Butler, chief draftsman of the policy, and Lord Woolton, and between sections of the Conservative Shadow Cabinet which has taken a hand in the final shaping of the document.

There is not a word of truth in any of these allegations. It is the manifesto of a united Shadow Cabinet and of a united party. No division of opinion has occurred at any time in the preparation of this declaration of Conservative policies and beliefs, although by the tradition and

constitution of the Conservative Party the manifesto is the personal responsibility of Mr. Churchill as leader. Already there has come from all over the country the most enthusiastic and whole-hearted endorsement of this election-winning programme.

Attitude to Wales

With the publication of the Conservative programme the proposals of the parties with regard to Wales are now quite fully disclosed. The Conservatives stand firmly by the policy affirmed at Brighton and confirmed at Llandudno that special responsibility for Wales will be given to one Cabinet Minister and steps taken to see that, with his help the Principality has a proper basis of economic security and future prosperity.

The Welsh Conservative M.P.s and candidates are gratified that this question is elaborated in the Party's literature and will be a theme for Mr. Churchill in his Ninian Park speech at Cardiff. The Conservatives recognise that both Scotland and Wales have justifiable grievances against the immensely increased control of their affairs from London, and stress that centralised control is an essential part of Socialism.

No doubt the Socialists will be reminded during the election that Mr. Aneurin Bevan once declared that Wales has no problems which are not common with those of the whole United Kingdom. Some of the Socialist rank and file are dissatisfied with, but have to support the Government's Welsh policy of a National Advisory Council without powers, and with equally assurance that what it suggests will be taken any notice of by Government departments.

The Liberal Party will declare at its assembly that there should be a Welsh as well as a Scottish Parliament, but that setting up of a Secretaryship of State for Wales is an interim measure. Major Parry Brown is to move the Welsh resolution, and a preamble reaffirming Liberal principles is being moved by Capt. Huwiler Bowen M.P. for Cardigan.

Shadows before

As a coming event the general election is casting its shadows before in a social, as well as a political, sense. There is much cancelling of engagements and a positive slump in advanced bookings for the theatre.

This probably means that some plays which were on the verge will be taken off, for even when the polling is over it is some little time before things get back to normal.

Dinners and dances are being cancelled and, except on special nights, even the political clubs expect to be almost empty. All, or nearly all, are making special arrangements for displaying results on polling night, names flashed on the boards being transmitted also by loud-speaker in smoking and supper rooms.

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This goes also for some of the restaurants which are expecting a thin time while so many of their patrons and their women-folk are away in the country canvassing and doing electioneering work of every kind.

Scottish peers for Parliament

It is commonly known that peers have no vote in a Parliamentary election, but not so well known that until about 30 years ago the Commons used regularly to pass a resolution forbidding peers to take any part in election campaigns.

Had the relic of a bygone age been still in force, the parties would today be bereft of the services of a great number of peers who are to speak for candidates throughout the country. Thus, Lord Tweedsmuir will be able to help his wife in the campaign in South Aberdeen.

One task for Scottish peers when the General Election is over will be to meet in Edinburgh to select 16 of their number to represent Scotland for the duration of the new Parliament. No holder of a Scottish peerage is entitled to sit in the House of Lords unless he is an elected representative.

Lord Tweedsmuir enjoys a seat in the Lords because his father was created a peer of the United Kingdom. Lord Saltoun, on the other hand, is an elected peer. Lord Crawford of Balnainy can only sit in the House of Lords by virtue of his English title of Baron Wigan.

Her husband

Nobody has so far thought of referring to Mr. Churchill as "the husband of Mrs. Churchill". It is certainly no reflection on that charming and witty lady's personality to admit that she has been slightly overshadowed by Winston. His formidable mentality would eclipse an intellectual Matterhorn.

Yet Mrs. Churchill has a pretty gift for the mot just and can turn a witty phrase quite neatly. I am told that she remarked some time ago: "My husband is occasionally late for trains because, as a keen sportsman, he likes to give them a fair chance to get away."

Atom action

The British Government favours a new approach to Russia on atomic energy control and the prevention of a fresh world-wide race in the production of the H-bomb. It regards the proper way of making this move, however, as being through the United Nations. Atomic Energy Committee and not by a direct approach to the Kremlin, which the Russians would consider a sign of weakness.

These views are understood to have already been communicated to the State Department in Washington, where they are thoroughly approved. There are to be further exchanges of views on this subject between the U.S. Government and our own during the atom talks in Washington between Britain, America, and Belgium. It is thought probable in London that President Truman's decision will be delayed until after the British General Election.

Ministers' meeting

One of the decisions reached at the recent Colombo Conference was, it is understood that Commonwealth Foreign Ministers should meet at least once and if possible twice a year.

The new Canberra and Wellington Governments pressed not only for regular meetings of Empire Ministers but also for a permanent Empire Foreign Affairs, Defence and Finance Secretariat. The other Dominions led by Canada opposed this and eventually it was agreed, on the initiative of Britain, to hold regular yearly meetings of Foreign

Ministers and also of Defence and Finance Ministers. It seems probable that there will be another Empire conference in the autumn, in either London or Ottawa.

Settlers wanted

While still awaiting specific instructions on the increased immigration policy projected by the new Canberra Government, Australian officials here consider that a greater flow of settlers could be dealt with by a steady expansion based on existing plans.

Altogether, the Dominion now looks forward to receiving 100,000 immigrants from Britain this year (70,000 of them being given assisted passages), representing an increase of 20,000 over the target for 1949 announced by Mr. Chifley's Government.

A fleet of 10 liners is now devoted exclusively to transporting British settlers to the Dominion and these will be joined in two months' time by the converted Monarch of Bermuda, renamed The Australia.

'Dry ski-ing'

A snow-covered slope in Scotland's icy Cairngorm mountains, or a carpeted floor in a centrally heated hall overlooking Piccadilly Circus? These are the two principal "schools" now available to young people in Britain who want to learn something about ski-ing. The Scottish training site has been available for some time. The Piccadilly training-ground is an innovation which introduces us to "dry ski-ing".

Indoor or "dry" ski-ing may seem rather a tame way to train for the vigorous sport. The intention of the organisers—the British Ski Club and the Central Council for Physical Recreation—however, is to give novices a thorough grounding in fundamentals before they tackle the sport outdoors. On specially constructed skis they will learn how to balance, how to fall without hurt, and how to turn.

Development

After training, pupils at the indoor school will leave for 12 days' ski-ing in Norway. By this method of turning out young students at different "dry ski" centres which are being set up throughout the country, it is hoped to develop the sport in Britain.

This move should benefit the Scottish outdoor training centre at Glenmore Lodge in the Cairngorms.

A Norwegian instructor is available there and students "graduating" in London and other parts of England will be encouraged to go North for more advanced training.

In the past ski-ing has been beyond most people's pockets because of expensive tuition fees in Norway and Switzerland. Now it is aimed to put it within reach of everyone by utilising to the full the indoor facilities and the Cairngorm Centre.

St. Paul's

According to bus conductors who should be the most practical assessors, St. Paul's is still the favourite rendezvous with London's visitors.

The Tower, the Abbey, the big galleries, and museums, St. James' and Buckingham Palaces, the Horse Guards, Madame Tussaud's, are all frequently asked for both by foreign visitors and country cousins up in town for the first time but St. Paul's heads the list easily.

All sorts and conditions of strangers within our metropolis gates are eager to see Wren's famous nave on top of Ludgate Hill. But there are some unexpected enquiries, according to my bus conductor informants, notably Broadcasting House, which nowadays begins to rank in this respect with the Cheshire Cheese.

Where some visitors beat the average busman is when they ask for houses where famous statesmen or writers lived. Most of these now bear plaques, but the normal bus conductor knows them not. They are off his daily round.



Inside information

By Mercury

The National Coal Board is to recruit more public-school boys for administrative work in coal mining.

Cambridge scientists have gone to the U.S. to pool information on the hydrogen atom bomb, potentially the most destructive of all.

Purges in the officer corps of the Soviet Zone Police army are deterring all but the very few West German ex-officers from crossing over to enlist.

The U.S. has guided missiles with a range of 200 miles.

Norway has asked the U.S. to hold anti-submarine exercises off the Norwegian coast, where Soviet submarines have recently been exercising.

The U.S. will send arms worth \$8,000,000 to Vietnam (French Indo-China) to meet the Chinese Red threat.

The Socialist Party is discussing the likelihood of two General Elections this year if there is a narrow majority result this month.

Staggered hours for voting will be organised in industry to prevent loss of production.

General MacArthur, who disagrees with the Washington strategy of abandoning Taiwan, will be removed from his command in Japan this spring.

Sweden has a rifle weighing 15lb. that can knock out a heavy tank. It fires an 8.40 cm. rocket grenade.

Moscow has overruled the decision of the Italian Communists not to interfere with Holy Year celebrations.

The U.S. Air Force is trying out mid-air refuelling of long-range bombers over Polar regions.

The BBC will make a feature of Britain's free elections for its services to the Commonwealth countries.

Luxembourg, alarmed by the number of Soviet agents using the Duchy as a clearing ground for their reports to Moscow, has appealed to the Western powers for aid in preventive measures.

Large orders for German locomotives have been placed by South Africa with the Henschel company. A Munich firm is selling railway engines to India.

Nahas Pasha, new Egyptian premier, has already spoken with

the British Embassy about British troops in Egypt and the future of the Sudan.

Heavy supplementary estimates for National Health and Defence would have been presented to Parliament this month but for the General Election decision. These estimates make a Budget deficit certain.

The Cabinet is divided on pre-election ration increases. Some Ministers believe that they cannot be maintained.

The Ministry of Food has agreed to buy pork and bacon from Egypt.

American diplomatic and Service chiefs in Britain have been warned by Washington that they are to show no partiality in the British elections.

Eire is sending a mission to Britain to study methods and organisation of civil defence.

The Communist Government of China wants to charter British ships for coastal trade. They will be in danger of interception by the Nationalist navy.

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Between Ourselves

WET WEATHER WEAR

By JANET MARTIN

We seem to be in for a really wet season, so let's talk about clothes for rainy days.

Rainwear fashions are brighter than ever, vieing one with another to contrast the gayest, freshest colours against the drab grey of rainy skies.

Here, our problem is to choose rainwear which will keep out the wet without keeping in too much warmth—and more especially this year when the really cold weather seems likely to give us a miss.

Plastics have made a great bid to capture the markets for rainwear, but the fact remains that, up to now, they have not produced anything which will give reliable wear. They split and tear too easily and cannot be repaired, factors which are offset to some extent by their very reasonable prices.

But, from a fashion point of view, we look for something better than that and the return to popularity of gabardines provides our answer.

Proofed gabardines, fine and light, lead all the rainwear shows. Coats, capes, jackets, even skirts, windjammers and hoods appear in the gay colours of the new gabardines, lined and trimmed with the brightest checks and plaids.

Fashion-right

A raincoat is no longer something to slip on to keep out the rain. It is as smart and up-to-date as fashion-conscious and fashion-right as any item in your wardrobe.

Aquascutum's proofed gabardine top coat, for instance, cut on tent lines, with sloping shoulders and wide skirt, has a double shoulder cape, plain underneath, checked on top. A wide tie belt can be added to draw the fullness into smart folds at the waist.

There are huge check pockets, large plaid buttons, detachable hoods, check-lined, to button on at the neck.

A charming full-length cape in navy proofed gabardine has facings and collar in navy and white checks—and a pair of navy gloves with check gauntlets.

Small hats are still in the news, and none smarter than the little gabardine berets made to match your new raincoat. These are plain like the coat, or plaid like the trimmings, just large enough to keep the rain off short hair, or look chic under an umbrella. They transform your raincoat into a rain ensemble.

Accessories follow the line. Umbrellas are either long and elegant in the Edwardian manner, or chic and short, folding down to the length of a foot rule, slipped into a cylindrical cover of the same material.

The long ones

The long ones are smartest—six inch ferrules and nine inch handles with loops of braided silk or stitched leather. When it is not raining, these must always be carried rolled. So when you buy it is a good idea to ask the assistant for a demonstration of the correct way to do it. It's not so easy as it looks.

For town wear, to protect a smart tailcoat, your umbrella can be covered in a plain, dark silk. With your ruler ensemble, ask for a matching checked or spotted to match your colour scheme or trimmings.

Nor do we stop at umbrellas. There are dainty ankle boots with rubber or crepe soles and gabardine uppers, plain or gaily checked. Or Wellington "boots" in all the brightest colours as well as black and white. There are handbags in gabardine in good local this, for your good leather can be ruined by a drenching) with coloured drawstrings or flaps.

Some stores make a feature of wet weather accessories to match their raincoats: bags, shoes, gloves, hats and umbrellas.

Fashion, you know, goes on forever—so even a rainy day can be a fashion occasion!

U.S. as a woman sees it

By KAY MURRAY

What do you think is the favourite costume of some of the most famous and best dressed women in America?

Not a tailor-made, not a dress, not even lounging pyjamas.

The answer is—a dressing gown.

A survey made among such well-known personalities as Margaret Truman, Mrs. Roosevelt and Lily Pons and others disclosed the fact that 100 per cent of women who work creatively like to climb into something comfortable as soon as they get home.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Louella Parsons, the film critic, confessed a weakness for black velvet ted gowns for interviewing and writing at home.

Singers find a glamorous but loosely cut negligee in silk wool a favourite uniform for rehearsing at home.

Mary Martin, the star of "South Pacific," has a whole wardrobe of negligees and dressing gowns in silk jersey and shantung like blue, cloud white, green and earth brown because the colours of nature relax her.

And nylon has proved a god-send to globe-trotting women journalists because it never wrinkles and can be washed without ironing.

Washington is laying discreet odds as to who will be the capital's number one hostess.

Mrs. Truman mostly confines her entertaining to Blair House, and since Mrs. Perle Meath took herself and her parties to Luxembourg, the title remains vacant. One obvious candidate is the Vice President's bride, who has already completely captivated Washington. The new Mrs. Barkley is beautiful, witty, completely unself-conscious, and while having a warm personality, is described as having a sparkling gaiety of which the capital is badly in need.

Her rival is likely to be Mrs. Morris Cagitz, wife of a rich business man, who has already taken giant strides in the direction of the title, which she, however, disclaims.

"I really entertain because my husband and I enjoy it," she says. "This slim, attractive woman with the jet black hair looks not a day over 30, though she has a son in college."

She likes five-course intimate dinners, but sometimes gives cocktail parties for 60. At these functions she has proved such a good hostess that even the sisters Senator Taft has been snapped by the candid camera obviously enjoying herself.

Washington's amazed reaction is "Either he's human or a superhuman."

New York state elected its first woman District Attorney this year.

She is Mrs. Charlotte Smallwood, the attractive 26-year old wife of a lawyer.

Charlotte Smallwood won a thumping majority of 4,000 votes at the polls, after merrily defeating the incumbent by a thousand votes in a primary election. This was in spite of the fact that the conservative element in the community was not at all enthusiastic.



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Doughnuts

Box self-raising flour, pinch salt, 1 dessertspoon shortening, 1 table-spoon sugar, 2 eggs, 2 tablespoons milk, castor or icing sugar.

Sift the flour and salt into a basin. Rub in the shortening lightly and add the sugar. Mix well. Beat the eggs and add to them the milk. Add to the dry ingredients and make into a soft dough. Turn onto a lightly floured board and knead lightly.

Press out about 1/4 in thick. Cut into rounds with a scene cutter and cut the centres but

with a small cutter. Wet fry until golden brown, turning once. Drain on kitchen paper and sprinkle thickly with icing or castor sugar.

VARIATION: Grate 2oz dark chocolate into a basin and melt by standing in a saucepan of hot water. Make the doughnut mixture and divide into two portions. To one portion add the melted chocolate. Roll out both mixtures and cut into doughnuts. Cut the chocolate doughnuts through and "link" through the centres of the plain. Seal. Wet fry until golden brown.

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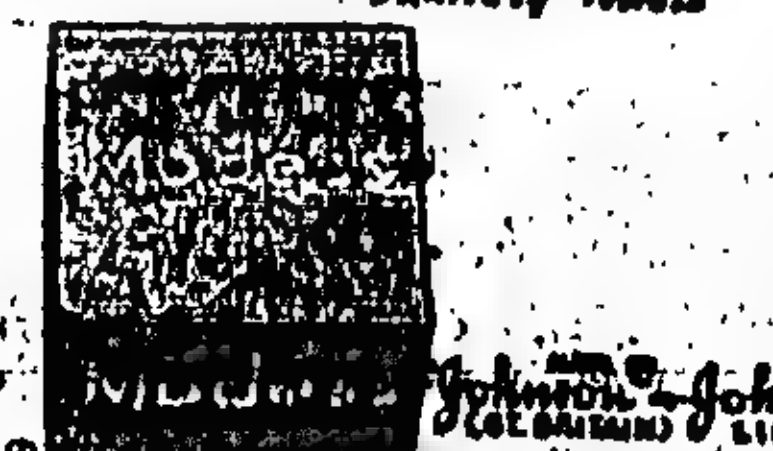
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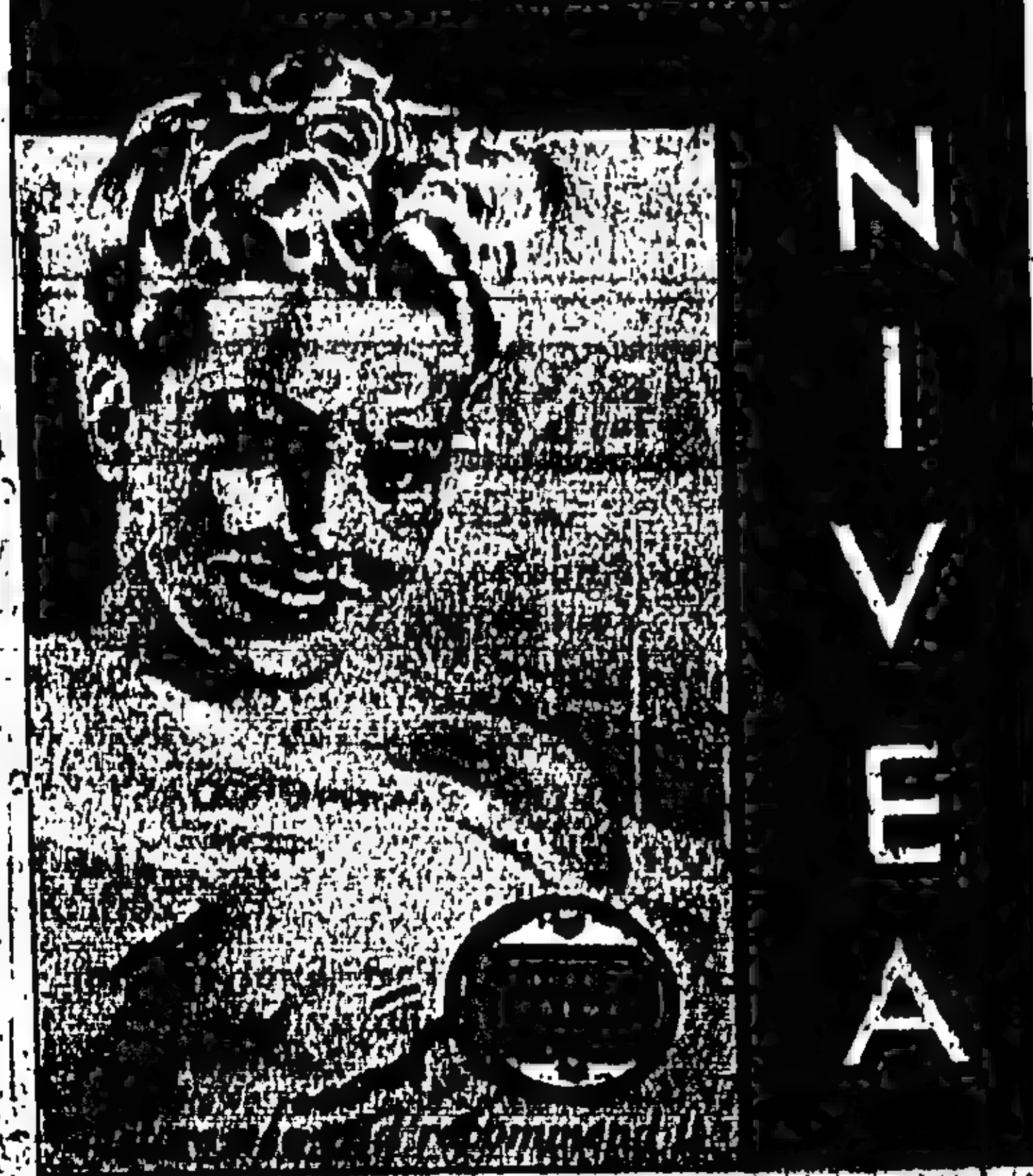


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Between Ourselves

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KEEP BEAUTY IN YOUR HANDS

By CLAUDIA

It is easy to take care of your hands when they are already lovely to start with. Then, all you have to do is to keep the skin white and soft, and the nails well manicured. You will draw attention to their stunner shapeliness by means of bright polish and unusual rings.

The story is rather different should hands not be one of your best points, however. Hands cannot be hidden or disguised. They are there all the time, useful, hardworking members, one must just make the best of them.

The first beauty-rule for every pair of hands, whether they look as though they were made to do the housework, is to keep them immaculately clean and groomed. The skin as white and soft as care and attention can make them.

A good deal of beauty culture is concerned with care and camouflage. Hands can scarcely be camouflaged, but there are several ways of minimising their bad points.

It is a mistake to draw attention to unsightly hands by painting the nails in bright colours. No matter how you yearn after the gay new shades as they come out, you must stick to the soft, delicate tints which are dainty and, most important, unobtrusive. Striking costume rings which cause the eye to fly to the fingers are not for you either.

For large hands

Hands which are large, but shapely, however, can wear large handsome rings with striking effect. Small rings emphasise the size by contrast. Large ones actually make the hands appear smaller.

With nail polish, too, one must consider the shape of the nails before embarking on very bright shades. Nails which are rather short and square do not take a bright polish successfully, though they can be greatly improved by growing them long and filing the tips to a not-too-pointed oval.

To keep the skin soft and smooth needs a good deal more lubrication than most of us realise is necessary. The hands, after all, are being constantly

washed, the natural oils of the skin rinsed away. Naturally, the skin tends to become dry and the hands become the quality of the body to show signs of age. By your washing, keep a jar or tube of hand cream, or a simple preparation of glycerine and rose water, to be used after washing every single time. By your bedside, keep a jar of night cream for the hands, heavier and richer in oils. Massage into the skin every night, before you go to bed. If the hands are very dry, use plenty of cream and wear a pair of loose cotton gloves.

Calcium deficiency

Brittle, splitting nails often mean that there is a deficiency of calcium in your system. A course of calcium, under your doctor's advice, will improve the quality of the new nail as it grows up from the matrix. A special cuticle oil, rubbed in around the bases of the nails each night, will help too.

Thick fingers and wrists should be massaged with oil or cream, stroking firmly from fingertips towards the wrist, each finger separately, as if drawing on a glove.

There are finger-and-wrist exercises which can be practised at any odd moment when you have to spare. One is the "piano" exercise—imitating playing five-finger exercises, arching each finger well. Then wrist circling—letting the hands hang limply from the wrists, then swinging in circular movement, from right to left—and reverse.

Even if they will never be beautiful, your hands can always look attractive.

Ann Temple

A husband's criticism

Whenever my husband criticises anybody or anything, I immediately have the urge to defend, although I know he is always right.

Naturally he gets very annoyed with me, although we are very happy in our companionship. What is there in my make-up which drives me to this?

PUZZLED

Just some little devil of contrariness. For one thing he is always right, and that is annoying. Then criticism puts him up into an indefinably superior position. You want to pull him off it.

Not entirely for the sake of seeing him come down, but in order to feel a little superior yourself. Coming out for the defence has an air of more understanding, more tolerance. You feel a little virtuous too.

And all this, probably, because you are not very good at expressing your opinion, getting your ideas into words. It all makes you feel a little inadequate—so you try to get even—naturally. Not much harm in it. A little occasional rough makes the smooth all the more enjoyable.

One hears a lot these days about the art of living. A friend maintains that it means having a knowledge and the appreciation of the good things of life—smart parties, interesting people, good food and wines.

Does the phrase console only the materialistic aspect?

MARGARET

Many do use it in that sense. Similarly "They live well" is taken to mean eating and drinking expensively. There is, of course, far more to both phrases than what the world, the flesh, and the devil console.

The more developed your mind, the more sensitive your spirit, the more perceptive your tastes—the wider does your conception of living become.

R. L. gave a good selection when he wrote: "If beams from happy human eyes have moved

me not; if morning skies, books, any my food and summer rain knocked on my sullen heart in vain."

Knowledge and appreciation of one's whole self comes into this too. The art is in steering body, soul, and spirit gracefully, skilfully, confidently through the depths and the shallows, the tempests and the calms of one's span of years.

You are getting on well with the art of living when you have learned how to enjoy life without having to spend money for your fun.

Being now over 40 I have given up the idea of marriage. I never could make up my mind about it.

Time and again, having become fond of a girl, I found myself comparing her adversely with another who in her turn suffered the similar comparison with the next. I never could be wholehearted with anyone. What is the remedy, if there is one?—TED.

Time—maybe. In the forties a man's vanity becomes slightly deflated and he is apt to take gratefully what he can get. The thirties are the conceited years when a bachelor is egotistically choosy.

But there may be a more serious aspect. Preferring the pursuit to the capture; ever leaving the reality for the ideal is very often a symptom of a deeper problem—of subconscious feelings of emotional inferiority for which compensations are sought in varying ways.

The cure is then related to the cause of the insecurity. One can't generalise. It is noticeable that difficulties of this kind will often disappear once the man has a job he enjoys, one which uses his imagination and creative powers and gives him a sense of success and achievement.

I share rooms with my best friend. We know each other very well and go out mostly together.

A month ago we met an extremely sweet girl, and I feel that

Drawing and painting and your child

By DOROTHY MOHR

Even a year-old baby if given a sheet of paper and a crayon or pencil will make marks on the paper.

He will hold the pencil in a rather clumsy fashion, it is true, and will merely stroke the paper in a very haphazard way, but he will get tremendous satisfaction out of seeing lines come where none were before, done by his own hand.

By two years he can hold the pencil more easily, though he still tends to grip it in his fist rather than hold it in his fingers, and the strokes and lines have become a scribble which often covers the whole of a large sheet of paper. If asked, the two-year-old will say he is drawing, but does not usually say what.

The three-year child can very often hold the pencil correctly and likes to name his drawings—after they are finished. He draws first and then names it according to what it looks like to him. Sometimes his pictures usually do look something like what he says they are, even to an adult, but more often they don't. If asked to draw something special, for instance a man, he will usually have a try at it, but the results are not, as a rule, very convincing.

By four, however, he can really draw a man that looks like a man, though it may be pretty crude by our standards. Interestingly enough, the first parts of a man that the children draw are most often the face and legs. This is natural when we think about it, since these are about the only parts of an adult that the child really sees much.

Details added

More and more details are added as the child grows. Girls usually show more attention to detail than boys and at an earlier age.

By five years, feet, arms and sometimes even the body (important detail) are put in, and somewhere between five and six, fingers, toes and clothes are added. Very often a row of buttons down the front of the body is the first sign of clothes!

Up to the age of six the child is not usually critical of his own drawing. He may say he can't when asked first to draw something, but with a little encouragement will set to work willingly and is generally quite satisfied with the result.

A child's drawings, no matter how crude, should always be taken seriously by adults, especially his parents. Both his own drawings and his parents' approval are very important to the little child.

So please, don't laugh when your four-year-old brings home from kindergarten some fantastic creature with legs and arms sprouting from its head and possibly masses of spiky fingers growing out of each limb.

Encourage your children to draw and paint. Whether or not they become artists in later life is quite immaterial. They are

we both felt in love with her. We met regularly at lunchtime, but the talk is general. Neither of us is willing to give up his secret."

Should I break the ice and talk this over with my friend or should I let the third party be consulted first?—LOYAL.

High time that sweet thing the "third party" was brought in on this—before you two ice yourselves in any deeper.

You are too near for secrecy. The atmosphere will become explosive. It is in the best tradition for the two men to be cheerfully realistic and to toss up for first approach. Whoever wins the toss explains the situation so that the lady knows there's another offer coming.

If she has a preference the friendship is bound to come a little unstruck for a while. If she didn't or if by chance there's a fourth party in the offing—the friendship is unimpaired, probably even strengthened by mutual condolence.

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CANADIAN PROSPECTS OF FAR EAST TRADE

RANGOON TALKS ON RICE

Rangoon, February 10.

The International Rice Conference began winding up its business today in preparation for Saturday's closing session. The Indian delegate, Upendranath Barman, proposed that the next IRC session be held in 1952 to allow member Governments time to carry out recommendations made at the present meeting.

The proposal will be considered at Saturday's final meeting when delegates will elect a Vice-Chairman and designate the meeting place for the next session.

Tonday's session ended with a resolution on nutrition which approved recommendations for nutritional improvement of rice. Egypt's delegate, G. H. Ibrahim, outlined measures his country is taking to improve rice acreage and ward off plant pests and malaria.

Mr. Ibrahim said Egyptian experts are still experimenting with methods to discover enough water for Egypt's rich rice lands.

Associated Press.

DISCRIMINATION ALLEGATION

Frankfurt, February 10.

Western Germany will charge the Western Allies with discrimination against German trade when trade talks with Britain open here next week, a High Ministry official told Reuters here today.

He added that the question of the Allied ban on a 100,000-ton steel order from Communist China for Ruhr firms might be cited. The order was placed with a British trading agency in London, which sub-contracted it to Ruhr firms.

Later the Joint Export-Import Agency in Frankfurt banned the delivery of the rails. Reports that British firms have now secured the order have produced strong protests in German trading circles.

—Reuters.

COIN HOARDING IN RANGOON

Rangoon, February 10.

Parliament approved legislation making currency hoarding a criminal offence. The measure is directed at the hiding of small silver coins, for which there is a large black market.

—Associated Press.

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This vessel will arrive from Japan on Monday, 13th Feb. and will sail at about 3.00 p.m. for New Guinea Ports and Australia on Tuesday, 14th Feb. She will berth at No. 1 Pier, Kowloon Wharf.

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Hong Kong, February 12, 1950.

Ottawa, February 10.
Optimism about Canada's prospects of trade with the Far East generally was expressed today by Mr. L.B. Pearson, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs.

He was speaking at his first Press conference since he returned from the Commonwealth talks in Ceylon.

"He stressed that India and Pakistan both had stable Governments, but submitted that the Kashmir dispute was one which the Communists know how to exploit to the full.

The centre of gravity in world affairs had shifted from Europe to the Far East and there was real danger of Soviet Imperialism over-running the whole of the Far East," he declared.

Of the Far East generally Mr. Pearson said, "That part of the world is on the march as never before. In the wake of political freedom in many former colonies people want a better standard of life. That means industrialisation, and this is a field where we can help both by providing equipment and technical knowledge. In addition, they want investment of our capital. They have a lot to give us in return and from the long-range view I am optimistic about our trade prospects there."

"However, I am also impressed by short-term difficulties relating to the currency problem. In our planning, however, we must assume that these short-term difficulties are going to disappear."

New role

The same forces which led to collective defensive and economic arrangements in Europe are now being applied in the Far East, Mr. Pearson continued.

At Colombo he found general realisation that Canada's part in any economic or defensive schemes in the Far East would have to be related to what she was already doing in the Atlantic.

His visit to Japan had reinforced his conviction that "the sooner the occupation of Japan can end and a peace treaty be signed the better," he said.

Everywhere he went in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo he found great friendship for Canada and the "realisation of our new role in world affairs."

Humphreys Estate and Finance Company Limited have announced a dividend of \$1 per share, and \$1 1/2 per share, as incorrectly published yesterday.

Effects of Australian strikes

Ganberra, February 10.

A Government spokesman today announced: "Overseas shipping companies are boycotting certain Australian ports because of the rolling strike tactics of the watersiders and the enormous costs involved."

"Some companies will be forced to increase freight rates to offset losses. The position is becoming so bad in some ports that ships are taking ballast on return journeys rather than be delayed for weeks in the ports. Whereas before the war, ships were at sea for two weeks and in port for one, now the reverse is true."

—United Press.

The Commonwealth Conference was held in an Asian Dominion, he declared.

"The years ago such a conference would have been held in London and we would have heard a report from British Government officials which we would probably have approved with the minimum of comment. At this conference everybody had something to contribute and the members of the Commonwealth played a leading role," he said.

Mr. Pearson said that there were some economic talks at Colombo—"we were the dollar skeleton at this Sterling feast."

He was hopeful that Canada could increase her trade in the Far East, "but we are not kidding ourselves that this can be done quickly or easily," he added.

—Reuters.

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Tea dealers launch campaign in U.S.

New York, February 10.

A fund of more than \$1,000,000 is available for promoting the consumption of tea in the United States during the 12 months beginning in mid-May. Mr. Robert B. Smallwood, President of the Tea Association of the United States, announced today.

"The money will be spent on Press advertisements and a supporting sales promotion and merchandising campaign. Half of the fund is being contributed by leading United States importers, packers and distributors.

"These contributions are being matched by growers in Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Java, Sumatra and British East Africa. Ninety-five per cent of all tea imported into the United States is grown in those countries."

The Tea Association, representing the United States tea trade, and the Tea Bureau, representing tea growers across the seas, have contributed to a joint promotional fund, Mr. Smallwood said.

"It is a most important encouraging step in international trade activity. This project is based on the premise that what is best for tea is best for all who grow and distribute tea. We are all working together as a team, and know we can accomplish what no individual or single interest could hope to do.

"We are confident that this joint effort will prove most productive."

The fund will be administered by a recently formed group designated as the Tea Council, membership of which will be equally drawn from the Tea Association and the Tea Bureau.

The American tea trade and the tea growers together selected Mr. Smallwood to serve as Chairman of the Tea Council, and Mr. Anthony Hyde, the managing director of the Tea Bureau, was Vice-Chairman.

"The Tea Council will determine the policy on the expenditure of the fund and will be responsible for the Association and the Bureau," said Mr. Smallwood.

"It will also provide the ultimate machinery for co-ordinating supplementary merchandising and promotional activities of both the Association and the Bureau."

"These plans are now being prepared in detail for all branches of the distributing trade. The Council will compose of men thoroughly versed in all phases of the advertising, merchandising and promotion of tea," he added.

"We will have an expert group guiding an industry which does an annual business in the United States amounting to \$150,000,000 at the consumer level."

"While the cost of all food has increased by 100 per cent since 1940 the consumer price of tea rose by only 44 per cent during the same period," said Mr. Smallwood. "Tea is still the cheapest drink in the world except water."

—Reuters.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, February 10.

The stock market ended slightly lower after late selling hit into morning gains. Losses ran from fractions to around a point. Buying orders flooded into the market at the opening, but trading quickly slowed and late in the day selling became more aggressive. Transfers totalled 1,780,000 shares and 80 stocks scored new highs while only two touched new lows.

Wall Street still refused to get excited about the coal strike. Among stumblers were Santa Fe, Warner Brothers, U.S. Gypsum, Curtiss Wright, Emerson Radio.

Gainers included Magnavox, Philco, Motorola, Zenith and Sunray Oil.

Dow Jones averages: Stock 73.88; 20 Industrials 203.49; 30

Balls 54.81; 10 Utilities 42.75.

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Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2

Bonds were mixed. Among

curb stumblers were Northrup

Aircraft, Kaiser Franz, Cities

Service.—Associated Press.

U.S. LOAN TO INDONESIA

Washington, February 10.

The United States Government today agreed to lend up to \$100,000,000 to the new Republic of Indonesia.

The money is to be used by Indonesia to finance purchases in the United States of industrial material and equipment for reconstruction of the Indonesian economy.

The American loan commitment was made by the Government's Export-Import Bank and announced by the Bank's Chairman, Mr. Herbert R. Gaston. Mr. Gaston said that funds for the purchase of goods, wagons, lorries and the like may begin flowing in a matter of weeks but that longer time would be required for such items as heavy machinery, where deliveries may lag many months behind the placing of orders.—Reuters.

NY RUBBER

New York, February 10.

Crude rubber number one futures closed 15 to 30 higher. Sales 110 contracts.

March 19.30 bid.

May 18.95-96.

July 18.40 bid.

September 18.30.

December 17.85 bid.

Spot number one ribbed smoked sheets 10.1/4 nominal.—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, February 10.

Britain's record January exports spurred a slight rise in the stock market today with industrials leading. Rails rose climbed 1s. 3d. Oils were steady but Government bonds edged lower. Japanese and Chinese bonds were firm.

Financial Times index 104.5.—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN

London, February 10.

Cash tin today advanced 2/6d. to 239 12s. 6d. bid. 2390 asked. Ninety-day futures gained 48/6d. to 244 12s. 6d. bid. 244 12s. 6d. asked. Turnover was 140 tons.—Associated Press.

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"BENAVNOCH"	"	26th Mar.
"BENLAVERS"	"	27th Mar.
"BENLEDI"	"	7th Apr.
"BENNATOW"	"	12th Apr.

CCC BEAT IRC BY SEVEN WICKETS

"Scorpions" account for "Optimists"

Craigengower Cricket Club registered their first league victory of the current cricket season yesterday when they beat Indian Recreation Club by seven wickets in a First Division game at Sookunpoo.

At Chater Road, the Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions" strengthened their claim for Championship honours as a result of an eight-wicket victory over their club-mates, the "Optimists."

The game between the Royal Air Force and Hong Kong University, which was scheduled to be played at King's Park, ended in a draw. Bailing first, the Air Force declared after scoring 140 for seven. At the close of play, the Undergraduates had scored 82 for seven in reply.

Club de Recreo, who entertained the Royal Navy at King's Park, emerged winners by the narrow margin of 14 runs. The First Division game between the Commandos and Kowloon Cricket Club at Sookunpoo, as well as the Second Division fixture between King George V School and Hong Kong University at KGV, was postponed.

FIRST DIVISION

IRC—CCC

The Craigengower Cricket Club registered their first league victory of the season at Sookunpoo yesterday when they beat the favoured Indian Recreation Club in a First Division League game by seven wickets.

The game was on the whole unexciting and the Indians, without Minu, had already lost the game when they were all dismissed for a total of only 84 runs.

The wicket at Sookunpoo was neutral, slow-to-lead pitch on which both bowlers and batsmen alike suffered untold agonies.

The only true sparkle of the match came as a fitting climax of a Craigengower victory. The undefeated fourth wicket stand of F. Ragi and George Souza brought about some lively cricket after what had passed to promise a slow, low scoring finale to a dull game. The Ragi-Souza partnership accumulated some 64 runs of which Ragi claimed 40.

Began well

The Indians began well enough, but stopped there. The opening pair of A. R. Raghunath and A. B. Kitchell had 36 runs on the board before Kitchell (20) was given out leg before off Divecha.

F. M. el Arculli and A. H. Abbas who followed in that order made little difference to the IRC total which stood at 20 runs when A. H. Abbas was yet unbeaten. Raghunath for a decent fourth wicket stand.

This partnership brought the IRC total to the 70 mark. But the going was slow and uninteresting.

All was caught by Souza and soon the redoubtable Raghunath also went and IRC's goose was cooked.

Indifferent batting followed, but the IRC managed to bring their total finally to 84, when they were all out after having batted for a little over one hour and 40 minutes.

Craigengower didn't do too well at first. Hong Choy, who opened with R. Raghunath, scored a couple of runs to chalk up 12 runs to less than one over. He was soon stumped, however, Raghunath, joining Readman, knocked up 12 runs before being sent back to the pavilion.

Ragi came in and was shaky at first. Raghunath, with eight runs to his credit, was bowled by Arculli. Ragi and Souza then became associated in what was a successful partnership. Scoring was slow at first, but after some cautious overs, Raghunath began hitting out and Souza took the cue.

Both became aggressive, with Souza being scored freely. Forty minutes before stumps, the IRC total of 84 had been passed, with Souza and Ragi confident and undefeated.

Divecha of CCC bowled seven for 30 to claim the best average. Crabtree accounted for two wickets but gave away 28 runs.

For the Indians, F. M. el Arculli took two for 13, with the remaining wicket going to Abbas for 25 runs.

For the Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions", A. H. Raghunath, at Ismail, b. D. Divecha, 20.

A. A. Raghunath, lbw. Divecha 37.

F. M. el Arculli, c. Readman, b. Crabtree 6.

A. H. Abbas, c. Ismail, b. Crabtree 1.

I. Ali, c. Souza, b. Divecha 10.

A. H. Raghunath, b. Divecha 11.

M. L. Raghunath, at Ismail, b. Divecha 11.

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
T. P. Mahon	8	0	30	1
G. H. Pritchard	2	0	11	0
C. E. Beevers	3	0	22	1
A. L. Smith	5	0	31	0
N. E. Arthy	2	0	14	0

Recreo—R. Navy

In a low-scoring First Division League cricket match at King's Park yesterday, Club de Recreo beat Royal Navy by 14 runs.

Recreo

L. G. Gosano b. White 17.

A. M. Rodriguez b. Oxtoby 7.

M. A. Rodriguez st. Oxtoby b. Morgan 7.

P. M. N. da Silva c. Cockett b. Morgan 1.

H. L. Oxtoby c. Cockett b. Morgan 18.

A. E. Noronha c. Cockett b. Morgan 1.

White 0.

D. E. Remedios c. Grant b. Morgan 7.

R. A. Remedios not out 5.

A. M. Rodriguez st. Oxtoby b. Morgan 13.

A. M. Prata c. and b. Morgan 10.

Extras 1.

Total 87.

Bowling Analysis

O M R W

L. White 13 1 40 3

Morgan 7 2 37 6

S. Brown c. da Silva b. L. G. Gosano 1.

R. C. Westfield c. E. L. Gosano b. L. G. Gosano 22.

J. F. Oxtoby b. L. G. Gosano 2.

T. Grant c. E. L. Gosano b. L. G. Gosano 15.

R. Morgan c. Prata b. Oxtoby 7.

R. T. White c. Noronha b. Oxtoby 1.

N. Mack b. G. N. Gosano 4.

N. M. Cockett b. Oxtoby 0.

J. R. Venables c. Prata b. L. G. Gosano 8.

L. White not out 3.

D. Udon c. L. G. Gosano b. G. N. Gosano 4.

Extras 1.

Total 73.

Bowling Analysis

O M R W

G. N. Gosano 8 3 17 2

Y. G. Gosano 15 3 31 5

E. L. Gosano 3 0 18 0

Oxtoby 8 4 0 3

SECOND DIVISION

KCC—Commandos

Kowloon Cricket Club defeated the Commandos by six runs in a Second Division League cricket game played at Cox's Road yesterday.

KCC

F. A. Brondage lbw Welch 2.

A. T. Lee c. Phillips b. Welch 18.

S. V. Gillins c. Sawyer b. Dean 18.

E. Randall c. Sawyer b. Dean 18.

V. Bond c. Welch b. Owen 10.

C. S. Smith lbw Mustow 27.

D. White c. Sawyer b. Dean 13.

S. Gray b. Mustow 10.

R. N. Manley c. Harroway 2.

E. Guest b. Mustow 9.

V. Seymour not out 1.

Extras 1.

Total 103.

Bowling Analysis

O M R W

Dean 15 1 43 3

Welch 7 1 28 2

Owen 3 1 17 1

Mustow 5 1 12 4

COMMANDOS

C. Phillips c. b. Lee 12

F. Harroway b. White 0

G. Bond c. Sawyer b. Dean 0

C. F. Dowling c. Gillins b. White 0

R. Pembrey b. Lee 1

F. Pratt c. b. Lee 12

F. Mustow c. b. Gillins 10

A. B. Sawyer not out 0

R. Welch b. White 0

W. H. Owen b. Gillins 6

T. M. Lee run out 1

Extras 5

Total 97

Bowling Analysis

O M R W

A. T. Lee 10 5 31 3

C. White 8 1 33 4

V. C. Bond 4 1 15 2

S. V. Gillins 9 1 15 2

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

Kowloon Cricket Club v 2d Division, 1.45 p.m. at Cox's Road, Kowloon, 1.45 p.m.

Craigengower Cricket Club v B. Raghunath at Happy Valley, 1.45 p.m.

HUNT CLUB MEET

Hong Kong Polo and Hunt Club Meet at Mini Po Village, 20-1/2 milestone, Fanling-Castle Peak Road, 11.30 a.m.

SOCCER

1st Division

Commando v St. Joseph's; Sookunpoo, 10.30 a.m.; Referee: Mr. Ennis.

Club v Kwong Wah; Club, 4 p.m. Referee: J. W. Sharpe; Linemen: F. A. Barretto and E. Snowling.

KMB v Eastern; Boundary St. 4 p.m. Referee: W. Gaffney; Linemen: D. P. Lai and S. Y. Kwok.

Kit Chee (bye).

2nd Division

News Vendors v RAF; Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m. Referee: A. Ribeiro; Kit Chee v Police; Club, 2.30 p.m. Referee: F. George.

Talkoo v St. Joseph's; 1st. Joseph's, 4 p.m. Referee: K. M. Ashton.

Eastern v Yard Police; Caroline Hill, 4 p.m. Referee: W. G. McKie.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Boys' Knock-out Competition; Talkoo v St. Joseph's (Club ground, 10 a.m.); Referee: L. Young.

St. Stephen's v Queen's College (Club ground, 11.30 a.m.); Referee: L. Young.

Junior League

St. Joseph's v Wanchai P.M. (Navy Ground No. 1, 10.30 a.m.); Referee: Mooney.

Wanchai A.M. v Ellis Kadourie P.M. (Army Ground, 10.30 a.m.); Referee: Matson.

Ellis Kadourie A.M. v Wah Yan P.M. (St. Joseph's, 10.30 a.m.); Referee: Kwok.

Anglo Chinese v Government Vernacular School (Navy No. 1, 10.30 a.m.); Referee: Mr. Ennis.

Doodyard

G. Collins, b. Ebrahim 4.

G. Horley, b. Moorjani 33.

J. Barber, b. Moorjani 0.

B. Tucker, b. T. Ebrahim 8.

C. Hughes, b. Moorjani 14.

F. Hennin, b. Moorjani 4.

C. Moore, run out 0.

J. Wickham, b. Moorjani 2.

P. Hards, not out 2.

F. Plume, b. Moorjani 2.

P. Ibbotson, c. T. Ebrahim, b. Moorjani 7.

Extras 1.

Total 81.

Bowling Analysis

O M R W

Moorjani 11 3 20 3

A. Ebrahim 7 2 13 1

T. Ebrahim 3 0 15 1

S. Abou 4 0 17 0

Moorjani 5 1 9 4

IRC

S.E.M. Bux, run out 24

M. Kerebhoj, c. Horley, b. Collins 0

M. A. Wahab, run out 11

B.K. Moorjani, b. Plume 10

R.A. Bux, c. and b. Plume 0

F. Moorjani, b. Horley, b. Hards 13

K. Talchand, c. Hughes, b. Hards 0

F. Ebrahim, lbw. Tucker 0

S. Abou, b. Collins 0

H.T. Barma, c. Hennin, b. Collins 0

Extras 0

Total 27.

Best Schoolboy bowler was Sorier, who took three wickets for 13 runs in four overs. Doodyard captured three wickets for 13 in five overs.

The Schoolboys could not manage to score 45 runs against the R.A.F.C. bowlers. Evans took two wickets for five runs in two overs, while Brown obtained three wickets for 13 in five overs.

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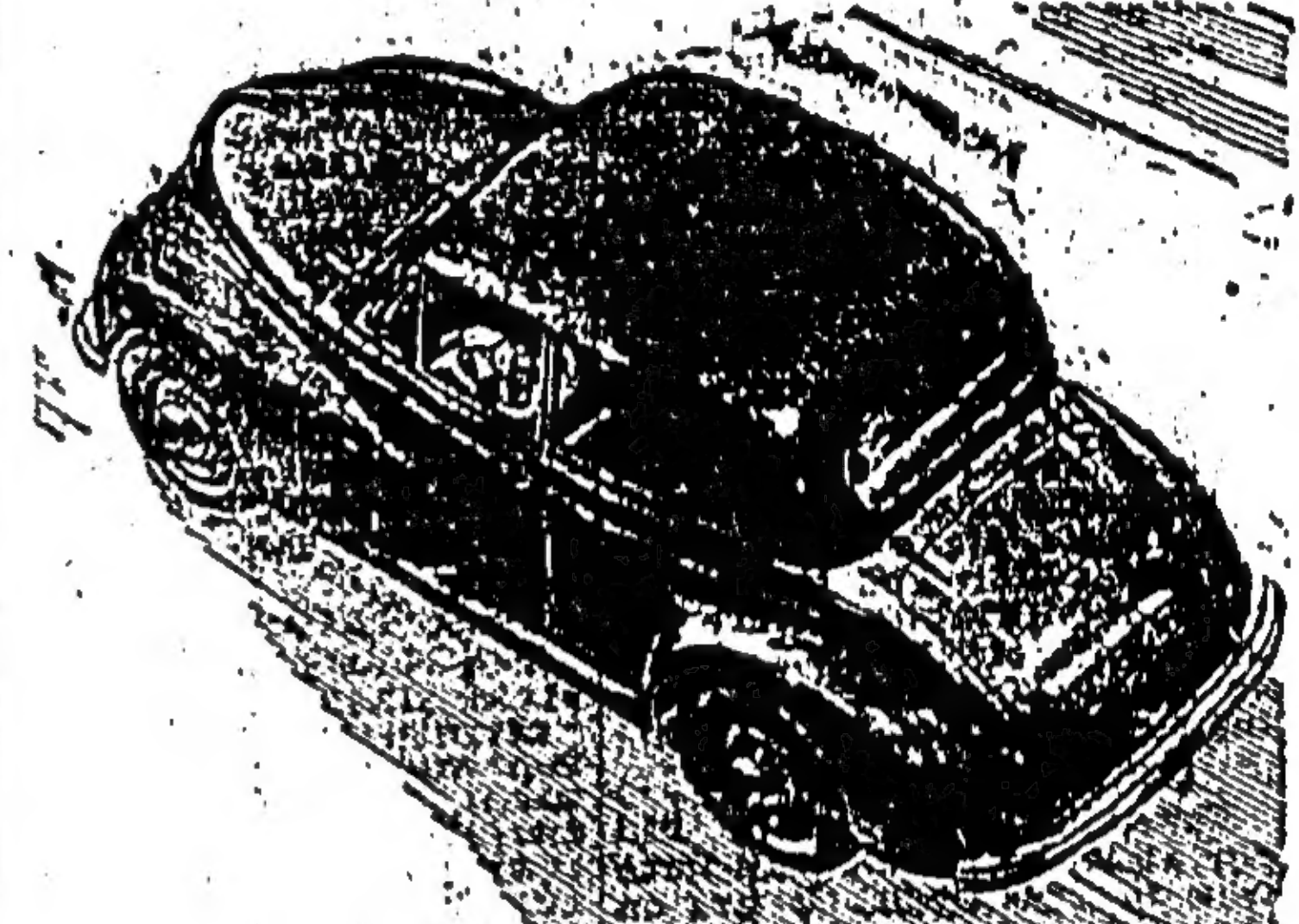
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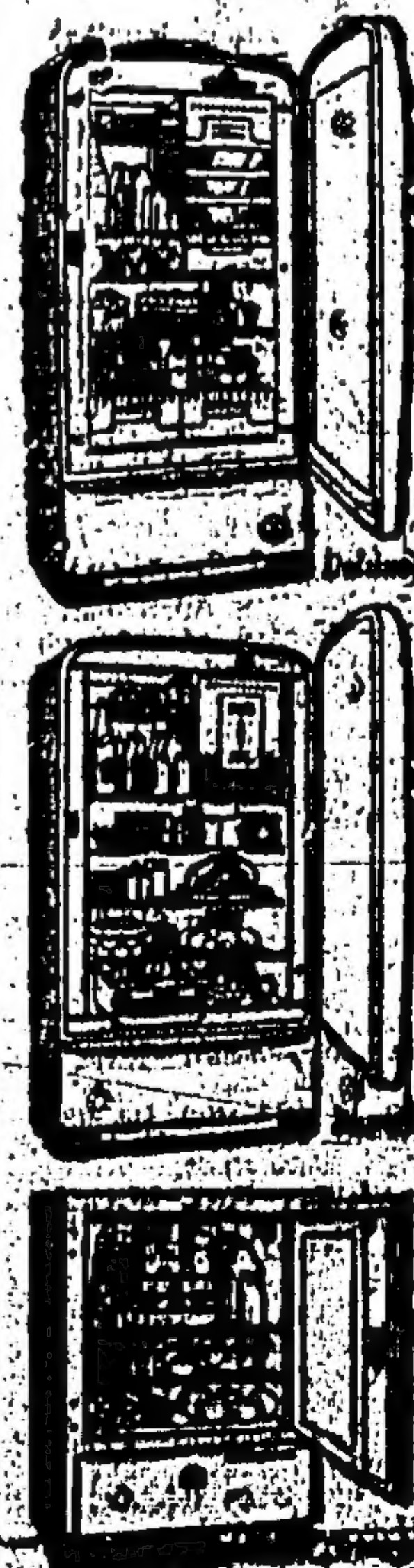
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GLOUCESTER ARCADE

Race Meeting:

Gangway scores surprise win
over Midnight Express

The biggest surprise of the First Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley yesterday was the defeat of the red hot favourite, Midnight Express by Gangway, in the ninth event, the Second Section of the Taiwan Bay Handicap.

Carrying only 407 winning bets out of a total of 31,743, it was at the very bottom of the betting list.

Turf fans were therefore completely surprised when Mr. K. S. Shu, its rider, brought it in a winner's length ahead of the red hot favourite.

The ninth race was incidentally the most keenly contested of yesterday's 10 events. Apart from the few favourites, the bets were fairly evenly placed, and only one or two of the complete outsiders, such as Gangway, were ignored.

Gangway's win resulted in the biggest win dividend of the day—HK\$334.

The person having the most reason to be grateful to Gangway is indisputably the owner of cash sweep ticket No. 109, 543—in the big cash sweep drawn on the Taiwan Bay Handicap, Second Section.

Gangway's victory is bringing him a cheque from the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the considerable sum of HK\$128,076, which should come in handy for the Chinese New Year.

The owner of cash sweep ticket No. 128,464 drawn on Midnight Express will receive the second prize of HK\$9,705, while the third prize of HK\$18,382, drawn on Liberty Diamond, will go to the owner of ticket No. 25,439.

Favourites had day
Favourites had a rather bad day yesterday, with only three wins to their credit. It was on the whole a day of upsets, though apart from the ninth event there was no remarkably big dividend on the pari-mutuel. This was due to fairly even betting on many of the ponies.

Jeep King's win over Chai-choi in the second race, Jorrock's easy victory over Busted Straight in the fourth event, and Goli's vocal lead from Diamond Queen in the last stretch, were some of the happenings which punters had not figured on when they placed their bets.

A mild surprise
Hong Kong Slutz's victory yesterday was also a mild surprise. Trailing well behind until reaching the Rock, she overtook her contenders one by one until rounding the bend she forged to the lead and passed the winning post two and a half lengths ahead of Spanish Onion, the red hot favourite.

The most successful jockey yesterday was Mr. B. L. Tao who won the first and the last race, and one in between with a second place added to the score.

Following are the results—
Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes
(First Section)

Race 1—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950 whether they have started or not. Ponies that have won \$750 or more in stakes barred. Six furlongs.
1, Cleopatra; 2, Glamour Butterfly; 3, Iris; 4, Killy.
Won by five lengths; 2½ lengths.
Time: 1:25.0.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$8.00; Places \$8.50; \$8.20; \$9.10.

Humphrey Bay Handicap
(First Section)
Race 2—For Australian Ponies Class 5. Riders by jockeys who have not won 10 races. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 17½ yards).
1, Jeep King; 2, Trade Wind; 3, Penelope; 4, National Congress.
Won by two lengths; 2½ lengths.
Time: 2:06.3.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$18.40; Places \$8.40; \$9.40; \$10.00.

Mine Bay Stakes
(First Section)
Race 3—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950. Winners and ponies that have won less than \$750 in stakes barred. Six furlongs.
1, Cleopatra; 2, Glamour Butterfly; 3, Iris; 4, Killy.
Won by five lengths; 2½ lengths.
Time: 1:25.0.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$8.00; Places \$8.50; \$8.20; \$9.10.

Humphrey Bay Handicap
(First Section)
Race 4—For Australian Ponies Class 5. Riders by jockeys who have not won 10 races. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 17½ yards).
1, Jeep King; 2, Trade Wind; 3, Penelope; 4, National Congress.
Won by two lengths; 2½ lengths.
Time: 2:06.3.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$18.40; Places \$8.40; \$9.40; \$10.00.

Mine Bay Stakes
(First Section)
Race 5—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950. Winners and ponies that have won less than \$750 in stakes barred. Six furlongs.
1, Cleopatra; 2, Glamour Butterfly; 3, Iris; 4, Killy.
Won by five lengths; 2½ lengths.
Time: 1:25.0.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$8.00; Places \$8.50; \$8.20; \$9.10.

Humphrey Bay Handicap
(First Section)
Race 6—For Australian Ponies Class 5. Riders by jockeys who have not won 10 races. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 17½ yards).
1, Jeep King; 2, Trade Wind; 3, Penelope; 4, National Congress.
Won by two lengths; 2½ lengths.
Time: 2:06.3.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$18.40; Places \$8.40; \$9.40; \$10.00.

Mine Bay Stakes
(First Section)
Race 7—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950. Winners and ponies that have won less than \$750 in stakes barred. Six furlongs.
1, Cleopatra; 2, Glamour Butterfly; 3, Iris; 4, Killy.
Won by five lengths; 2½ lengths.
Time: 1:25.0.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$8.00; Places \$8.50; \$8.20; \$9.10.

Humphrey Bay Handicap
(First Section)
Race 8—For Australian Ponies Class 5. Riders by jockeys who have not won 10 races. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 17½ yards).
1, Jeep King; 2, Trade Wind; 3, Penelope; 4, National Congress.
Won by two lengths; 2½ lengths.
Time: 2:06.3.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$18.40; Places \$8.40; \$9.40; \$10.00.

Mine Bay Stakes
(First Section)
Race 9—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950. Winners and ponies that have won less than \$750 in stakes barred. Six furlongs.
1, Cleopatra; 2, Glamour Butterfly; 3, Iris; 4, Killy.
Won by five lengths; 2½ lengths.
Time: 1:25.0.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$8.00; Places \$8.50; \$8.20; \$9.10.

HAVE YOU WON?

RACE 1
1st No. 3022 HK\$ 6,477
2nd " 6178 " 1,565
3rd " 2955 " 782
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 3036, 1124, 4632, 3850, 3626, 3440.

RACE 2
1st No. 3539 HK\$ 5,716
2nd " 2754 " 1,633
3rd " 1714 " 816
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 4020, 2721, 8126, 4458, 7610, 8146, 7481, 5020.

RACE 3
1st No. 7087 HK\$ 5,760
2nd " 978 " 823
3rd " 972 " 823
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 874, 944, 2866, 6172, 921, 2794, 328, 5886.

RACE 4
1st No. 1100 HK\$ 6,087
2nd " 6923 " 1,739
3rd " 1488 " 870
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 3270, 1033, 1701, 7432, 4044, 1175, 7639.

RACE 5
1st No. 540 HK\$ 6,146
2nd " 418 " 1,756
3rd " 4702 " 878
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5559, 4012, 8305, 426, 845, 6509, 1127.

RACE 6
1st No. 4721 HK\$ 6,352
2nd " 1228 " 1,815
3rd " 3423 " 907
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5981, 4916, 8282, 7049, 2581, 5928, 7376.

RACE 7
1st No. 2838 HK\$ 6,865
2nd " 312 " 1,952
3rd " 3611 " 982
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5339, 183, 7511.

RACE 8
1st No. 3075 HK\$ 6,599
2nd " 4045 " 1,914
3rd " 3181 " 597
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 2727, 2462, 3065, 4519, 9167, 2207, 434, 2182, 507, 9095.

RACE 9
1st No. 109543 HK\$ 128,076
2nd " 129454 " 36,765
3rd " 25858 " 18,382
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5499, 134585, 111, 40427, 100686, 38873, 70689, 64501, 93747.

RACE 10
1st No. 109543 HK\$ 128,076
2nd " 129454 " 36,765
3rd " 25858 " 18,382
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5499, 134585, 111, 40427, 100686, 38873, 70689, 64501, 93747.

RACE 11
1st No. 109543 HK\$ 128,076
2nd " 129454 " 36,765
3rd " 25858 " 18,382
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5499, 134585, 111, 40427, 100686, 38873, 70689, 64501, 93747.

RACE 12
1st No. 109543 HK\$ 128,076
2nd " 129454 " 36,765
3rd " 25858 " 18,382
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5499, 134585, 111, 40427, 100686, 38873, 70689, 64501, 93747.

RACE 13
1st No. 109543 HK\$ 128,076
2nd " 129454 " 36,765
3rd " 25858 " 18,382
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5499, 134585, 111, 40427, 100686, 38873, 70689, 64501, 93747.

RACE 14
1st No. 109543 HK\$ 128,076
2nd " 129454 " 36,765
3rd " 25858 " 18,382
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5499, 134585, 111, 40427, 100686, 38873, 70689, 64501, 93747.

RACE 15
1st No. 109543 HK\$ 128,076
2nd " 129454 " 36,765
3rd " 25858 " 18,382
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5499, 134585, 111, 40427, 100686, 38873, 70689, 64501, 93747.

RACE 16
1st No. 109543 HK\$ 128,076
2nd " 129454 " 36,765
3rd " 25858 " 18,382
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5499, 134585, 111, 40427, 100686, 38873, 70689, 64501, 93747.

RACE 17
1st No. 109543 HK\$ 128,076
2nd " 129454 " 36,765
3rd " 25858 " 18,382
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each) Nos. 5499, 134585, 111, 40427, 100686, 38873, 70689, 64501, 93747.

Dr. Selby honoured



Dr. Y.A.R. Selby (right), who is leaving the Colony shortly, was presented with a silver salver by the Hong Kong Football Club yesterday as a token of appreciation for his services to the Club. Photo shows Mr. Jack Skinner (left), making the presentation. ("China Mail" Photo).

26th Gurkha Infantry
Brigade hold historic
Khud Race Meeting

The 26th Gurkha Infantry Brigade held a Khud Race Meeting at Birds Hill near Fanling yesterday, when three events were contested.

Starting from a point on the face of Birds Hill about 100 feet above sea level, the course continued to a secondary peak about 900 feet higher than the starting point. Competitors covered approximately 1,000 yards uphill and another 1,000 yards downhill.

The Khud Race is a traditional form of race among the hill peoples of India and one in which Gurkhas excelled.

In India, the courses are not only somewhat longer and higher, but the sites of the races are in the Himalayan foothills, with a starting point at Alibababhab about 4,000 feet above sea level.

Historic trophy
The historic old Khud Trophy for the champion Khud racing Battalion in the Gurkha Brigade.

Youth triumphs at rugger
(By J. L. STOD)

Yesterday's rugger, which was played on a heavy and treacherous ground at Happy Valley, resulted in a victory for Youth, both the Services and Club "Over 28's" going down.

The younger men lasted the pace and combined better than their heavier opponents.

The Services "Under 28's" won by six points to nil, while the Club youngsters won by 11 points to nil.

E. J. Brown, Hutton and Warner played a storming game, especially Hutton, who seemed to be all over the place.

Lochian and Nolan struck a grand combination and with I. Melfan munitionously winning hooking honours, proved a thorn in the side for the older men.

From the spectators' viewpoint it was dull and uninteresting, but I detract in no way from the vigorous efforts of the younger generation.

Dr. Y. A. R. Selby, who is shortly leaving the Colony, was presented with a silver salver as a token of appreciation for his many years' service to the Hong Kong Football Club.

"Take," as he is better known, is an ex-Scottish international, and after his playing days were over, devoted most of his time to guiding the Club rugger side.

AUSTRALIA IN STRONG POSITION IN FOURTH TEST
Johannesburg, February 10.

Australia played themselves into a good position on the first day of the fourth Test against South Africa here, scoring 360 runs for the loss of two wickets when stumps were drawn.

Brigade of Gurkhas Inter-Battalion Relay Race: 1st Battalion The King's Shropshire Light Infantry 2nd Battalion The South Staffordshire Regiment a close second.

The Brigade of Gurkhas Inter-Battalion Relay Race was won by the 2/6 Gurkha Rifles.

On conclusion of the races Mrs. Evans, wife of Major General G. C. Evans, distributed the prizes to the successful competitors.

The following are the results:
Open Individual Race: 1. L/Cpl Manning Ral, 2/10 PMO Gurkha Rifles; 2. L/Cpl Chami Gurung, 2/6 Gurkha Rifles; 3. Tikhabadur Ral, 2/10 PMO Gurkha Rifles.

Soccer:

All three First Division
games end in a 1-1 drawRESULTS AT A
GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION
South China 1 Army 1
Police 1 Chinese AA 1
Royal Navy 1 RAF 1

SECOND DIVISION
Royal Navy 0 Army 2
Chinese AA 8 PCA 0
South China 4 Club 0
Dockyard 1 Solicitors 4

SCHOOL LEAGUE
Junior Division
St. Joseph's 3 Wantal (PM) 0

HOME
FOOTBALL
RESULTS

London, February 11.
The following were results of football matches played today:

FA CUP—first round
Arsenal 2 H. W. 0
Charterfield 1 Chelsea 0
Derby 1 Northampton 0
Everton 1 Tottenham 0
Leeds 3 Cardiff 0
Manchester U. 3 Portsmouth 0
Sheff. Wed. 1 Liverpool 2
Wolves 0 Blackpool 0

SCOTTISH CUP—second round
Aberdeen 3 Hearts 1
Albion Rovers v Dunfermline (postponed owing to snow)
Falkirk 2 East Fife 3
Partick Thistle v Dundee U. (Postponed)

Queen's South 1 Morton 1
Rath Rovers 3 Clyde 2
Rangers 8 Cowdenbeath 0
Stirling 2 Dumbarton 2
Stenhousemuir 2 St. Johnstone 2
Third Lanark v Celtic (Postponed)

SECOND DIVISION
Coventry 3 Sheffield W. 0
Leicester 0 Plymouth 0
Sheff. U. 0 Southampton 1

THIRD DIVISION (South)
Fristol R. v Newport (Postponed)
Palace 6 Brighton 0
Exeter 1 Torquay 0
Ipswich 1 Aldershot 0
Oxford 1 Notts F. 0
Southend 1 Norwich 0
Watford 3 Walsall 0

THIRD DIVISION (North)
Accrington 3 Bradford 2
Grimsby 1 Gillingham 0
Carlisle 3 Southport 3
Crewe 1 Hartlepool 0
Lincoln 1 Doncaster 0
Mansfield 0 Chester 2
Otham 2 Halifax 1
Tranmere 3 Darlington 1
Wrexham 3 Rochdale 0
York 2 N. B. 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Ayr United 3 Forfar Ath. 0
Queens Park v Albion Ath. (Postponed)

FRIENDLY MATCHES
Villa 5 Hibernian 2
Barnsley 0 M. Chester C. 0
Birmingham 1 Bury 2
Blackburn 4 Grimsby 4
Bolton 4 St. Mirren 2
Bradford 1 Huddersfield 2
Fulham 0 Stoke 0
Hull 2 Queens P.R. 2
Millwall 3 Middlesbrough 2
Newcastle 1 Motherwell 1
Sunderland 2 Charlton 2
West Ham 2 Reading 1
Yeovil 2 Preston 0
Dundee 2

Twickenham, February 11.
England beat Ireland in the International Rugby Championship by three points to nil here today. At half-time, England led Ireland by three points to nil.—Reuter.

DATES FOR DAVIS CUP GAMES
London, February 10.
The Lawn Tennis Association today announced the dates for the rounds in the European Zone of the Davis Cup, the draw for which was made earlier in the week.

First-round matches are to be played by May 28, the second round by June 28, the semi-finals by July 20 and the final by August 1.

Apart from the European countries, Peru, the Philippines, and Pakistan are entered in the European Zone.—Reuter.

South China, Choi Kin-chung, Li Shek-ching, Ho Ka-keung, Chung Fook-ling, Bi Kan-hung, Leung Shun-ah, Lau Shueung, Lee Yuk-tak, Au Chi-yun, Tong Shueung, and Chiu Wai-choi.

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The most outstanding feature about yesterday's First Division League soccer was the fact that in each of the three games played, the final score was the same—one all.

South China, who were not at full strength, did well to hold a strong Army XI to a draw at Caroline Hill, each side scoring once.

In a dull and uninteresting game at Boundary Street, the Police could only manage to draw 1-1 with Chinese Athletic, although on the run of the play, the Guardians of the Law should have won by a comfortable margin.

A keenly contested game between the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force at Sookunpo also ended in a 1-1 draw.

Police 1—Chinese AA 1
Chinese Athletic were doubtfully lucky to share the points with Police in the first Division League soccer fixture at Boundary Street yesterday, the game ending in a 1-1 draw.

Neither team was at full strength and Ho Ka-keung, who normally plays in the full-back berth, but who deputised in the Chinese AA goal in place of Yu Kai-yan, put up a very creditable performance and contributed much towards saving his side from defeat.

It must be admitted, however, that many of his saves were due more to luck than to good positioning and anticipation.

The Guardians of the Law dominated the exchanges from the kick-off but were unable to score mainly as a result of weak finishing.

At the 20th minute of the first half, Chinese Athletic drew first blood when, in one of their rare breakaways, Do Ho-kiu netted with a fast rising shot to the top left hand corner of the net.

Attack strongly
Stung by this reverse, the Police attacked strongly, but their efforts to score came to naught.

The Police had a chance of gaining the equaliser when they were awarded a penalty for hands by the Chinese, who was entrusted with the spot kick, shot straight into Ho Ka-keung's hands, after an initial effort had also been.

The interval came with the Athletic still holding on to their slender lead.

After the break, the Police assumed the offensive and although they had their chances to score, it was not until the 18th minute that they secured the equaliser.

Choi Kin-chung, who had moved over to the left, beating Ho Ka-keung with a well placed shot.

Panned in own half
From this stage onwards the Athletic, except on a few rare occasions when they managed to break away, were kept penned in their own half of the field.

After attack and in the course of these raids, during which the Athletic's defence was given a gruelling time, the Chinese goal had many narrow shaves, the ball striking the uprights and the crossbar on several occasions.

In spite of their efforts, the Police could not obtain the winning goal and the final whistle came to give the over-worked Chinese a deserved respite.

Police: Tang Kai-wing, Tang Puk-chai, Lai Wai, Fung Sik-hing, Leung Shun-ah, Ho Shing, Ng Yu-wai, Colloco, Chan Hak-mun, Tam Yung-kan, and Yuen Yuen.

Royal Navy 1—RAF 1
In a hard fought game, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force shared two goals in their First Division League football encounter at Sookunpo yesterday.

The slippery state of the ground did not allow for fast play; nevertheless, the ball travelled from one end of the field to the other with great rapidity.

The defence of both teams stood out and at the interval no goals had been scored.

The RAF were the first to open the scoring in the second half.

Plays grand game
Saunders, the Navy goalie played a grand game throughout the whole time, but misjudged a shot by Bloomfield. He advanced from his chair to intercept the ball, but it entered the left-hand corner of the net.

Undaunted by this setback, the Navy stormed the RAF goal and after a fine run down the sideline, Eilam passed to House, who scored.

Bloomfield was injured during the second half and after receiving treatment, returned to take up the right wing position.

Though both teams tried hard to gain the lead, the defence held out and at the final whistle the score was one-all.

Royal Navy: Saunders, Thompson, Ames, Denyer, Thompson, Daley, Galt, Galvin, House, Spray, Eilam.

RAF: Richardson, Dutcher, Wootton, Saunders, Hutton, Rahman, Haggerty, Nicholson, Bloomfield, Studd, Kirtley.